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MEMBERS

OF THE

Board of Finance and Taxation.

ISAAC I. VAN DER BEEK, President.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

THOMAS C. BROWN,

ASA W. FRY,

JAMES L. OGDEN,

GARRET D. VAN REIPEN.

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Standing Committees.

Finance,

BROWN, OGDEN, VAN REIPEN, FRY.

Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions,

VAN REIPEN, OGDEN, FRY, BROWN.

Salaries and Claims,

FRY, BROWN, OGDEN, VAN REIPEN.

Printing and Stationery,

OGDEN, VAN REIPEN, FRY, BROWN.

MINUTES.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 15, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.
Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown and Ogden.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The following petitions for appointment as Assessors were received and ordered filed: Smith Mead, Samuel Bridgert, Jacob Perrine, Theodore F. Merseles, Benjamin Shackleton.

Petition of Jacob Keillen for adjustment of assessment for sewer. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Hugh F. McDermott \$250 for publishing minutes for month of March, 1875. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Abram B. Bunting \$3 60, Commissioner's fees for taking testimony. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Clerk of the Board of Directors of Education in relation to transfer of appropriations. Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

From the City Comptroller:

JERSEY CITY, April 15, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts to City Treasury, April 8 to 14, inclusive:

Date	General account.	Assessment account.	Sinking fund.	Water account.
April 8.....	\$1,499 75	\$1,710 56	\$925 63	\$108 64
April 9.....	75 11	...	191 84	2 67 69
April 10.....	4,080 58	1,729 95	1,703 78	2,284 89
April 12.....	2,107 50	5,191 10	818 84	103 63
April 13.....	812 58	292 47	243 66	.....
April 14.....	855 40	1,684 15	.....	2,114 45
	\$9,510 52	\$10,008 21	\$3,897 00	\$7,288 80

Yours, very respectfully,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE.
JERSEY CITY, April 15, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business April 15, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$27,663 23
Balance credit assessment account.....	15,244 63
Balance credit water account.....	834 20
Balance credit sinking fund account. .	18,750 54

Yours, very respectfully.

THOMAS EARLE, City Treasurer.

Received and ordered filed.

Five concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury in favor of E. W. Kingland, County Collector, for one hundred and thirty-one thousand, six hundred and two 56-100 dollars on account of State and County tax.

By Mr. Ogden:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be authorized to have bound for the use of the different departments and officers of the city government, twenty-five copies of the printed minutes of this Board for the year 1874-5.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each resolution, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 22, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.
Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Fry, Ogden and Van Reipen.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

By Mr. Brown, and adopted:

Moved, That we proceed to reorganize the Board.

Mr. Ogden was elected President pro tem.

I. I. Van Der Beek was nominated for President.

Messrs. Fry and Van Reipen were appointed tellers.

Five votes were cast, of which I. I. Van Der Beek received four votes; blank, one vote.

I. I. Van Der Beek having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected President.

Cornelius S. See was nominated for Clerk.

Messrs. Ogden and Van Reipen were appointed tellers.

Five votes were cast, all for Cornelius S. See, who was declared elected Clerk.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from C. H. Winfield in relation to certificate of indebtedness of the late Township of Greenville. Received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Petition of Martin Pink for appointment as Assessor of the Third District, Jersey City. Received and ordered filed.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, April 21, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The petition of Mr. Michael Mullone to have cancelled certain judgments on payment of the costs to the city, being eighty dollars and forty-six cents, referred to Counsel, I have considered, and recommend the petition be granted.

The judgments are in favor of "the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City" in the one case, and in the other case in favor of "the Water Commissioners of Jersey City," and being judgments for costs simply, on payment of the costs to the City Treasurer, which satisfies the judgments, it is proper this Board should authorize the cancellation of said judgments. Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That upon Michael Mullone making payment to the Treasurer of Jersey City of the amount of two certain judgments heretofore received in the Supreme Court of New Jersey against the said Mullone, one being in favor of "the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City," and the other in favor of the "Water Commissioners of Jersey City," amounting in the aggregate, interest included, to the sum of \$80 46; his Honor the Mayor, in connection with the City Clerk, be and hereby is requested to execute a proper satisfaction piece for the cancellation of said judgments.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the resolution was adopted unanimously.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
JERSEY CITY, April 22, 1875.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business April 22, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$10,334 71
Balance credit assessment account.....	13,913 95
Balance credit water account.....	2,475 62
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	20,632 76

Yours, very respectfully,

THOMAS EARLE, City Treasurer.

Received and ordered filed.

Four concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions, when appointed.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee appointed to examine contracts, offered a report on contract No. 47, for furnishing and laying a 36-inch cast iron pipe from the west bank of the Hackensack River to reservoir on Bergen Hill. The report was received, adopted and ordered filed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following Constables bonds in the sum of \$1,000 each, were received and referred to the Committee on Finance when appointed:

Richard Cuslow, with Noah D. Taylor and Thomas Gannon as sureties.

Peter Cavanagh, with James Coyle and Owen Cavanagh as sureties.

Joseph Dufrane, with George T. Freeman and John McCarty as sureties.

By Mr. Brown, and adopted:

Moved, That we proceed to the election of Assessors for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Ogden and Van Reipen were appointed tellers.

The following nominations were made:

For Assessor, First District—Wm. B. Shafer.

For Assessor, Second District—George Beck.

For Assessor, Third District—John H. Ward.

For Assessor, Fourth District—J. M. Van Tassel.

For Assessor, Fifth District—Jacob Perrine.

For Assessor, Sixth District—A. A. Woodward.

Five votes were cast, as follows:

For Assessor, First District—Wm. B. Shafer, 5 votes.

For Assessor, Second District—George Beck, 5 votes.

For Assessor, Third District—John H. Ward, 5 votes.

For Assessor, Fourth District—J. M. Van Tassel, 5 votes.

For Assessor, Fifth District—Jacob Perrine, 5 votes.

For Assessor, Sixth District—A. A. Woodward, 5 votes.

The following gentlemen having received all the votes cast, were declared elected Assessors:

First District—William B. Shafer.

Second District—George Beck.

Third District—John H. Ward.

Fourth District—J. M. Van Tassel.

Fifth District—Jacob Perrine.

Sixth District—A. A. Woodward.

By Mr. Brown, and adopted:

Moved, That when we adjourn it be to meet on Saturday, April 24, at four o'clock p. m.

By Mr. Van Reipen, and adopted:

Moved, That a committee of three be appointed to report rules for the government of the Board.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Van Reipen.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Saturday, April 24, 1875, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The President announced the following as the standing committees of the Board:

Finance—Brown, Ogden, Van Reipen, Fry.
Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions—Van Reipen, Ogden, Fry, Brown.
Salaries and Claims—Fry, Brown, Ogden, Van Reipen.

Printing and Stationery—Ogden, Van Reipen, Fry, Brown.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of J. Collard, agent for Mrs. Effie Thiers, to have refunded money twice paid for water rent, received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Corporation Attorney:

JERSEY CITY, April 24, 1875.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to you the communication of C. H. Winfield, Esq., together with the certificate mentioned therein. The Street Commissioners of Greenville had no authority at the date of this paper to issue any such instrument. It is, therefore, insufficient evidence of any indebtedness. Under a general statute of this State requiring a bill of items

properly verified to authorize any municipal Board to disburse the public money, it will be necessary for Mr. Rowe, the person named in this paper to furnish, in addition to it, a bill of the items of the services claimed to have been performed, before your Board would be authorized to pay this claim.

Respectfully,

WM. P. DOUGLASS, Corp. Attorney.

Received and ordered filed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following Constable bonds, in the sum of one thousand dollars each, were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Richard Webb, with Michael O'Keefe and Terence O'Neil as sureties.

Robert Madigan, with Henry Carroll and John Madigan as sureties.

Henry F. Crawford, with George E. Cutler and Bernard Hughes as sureties.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be and are hereby authorized to borrow from time to time, on a bond or bonds of the city, at a rate not exceeding seven per cent per annum, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, or assessments, or the sale of bonds, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to meet maturing obligations of Jersey City.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 29, 1875, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Ogden, Fry and Van Reipen.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of the adjourned meeting of April 24, 1875, were read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The petitions of Conrad Spengeman, to have paid to him principal and interest paid into the City Treasury, for redemption of property sold at tax sale; John B. Coles, for adjustment of taxes, were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Arthur Spielman, in reference to his claim. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Communication from J. M. Van Tasse, Secretary of the Board of Assessors, in relation to supplies for the assessors. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery, with power.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

W. W. Brownlee, \$100 for services rendered to special committee appointed to examine contracts. Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of, as follows:

From his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }
JERSEY CITY, April 28, 1875. }

The Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The enclosed summons in the case of Alfred P. Buss against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City was served upon me on the 27th inst. by the Sheriff of the County of Hudson. Respectfully, yours,

HENRY TRAPHAGEN, Mayor.

Received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, JERSEY CITY, }
April 29, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business April 29, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$10,883 92
Balance credit assessment account.....	16,731 30
Balance credit water account.....	8,277 63
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	21,763 56

Yours, very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, April 29, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of the City Treasury, April 22 to 28, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Water account.	Sinking fund.
April 22.....	\$1,202 10	\$457 58	\$187 40	\$1,798 82
April 23.....	1,338 62	1,069 16	555 24	91 15
April 24.....	456 82	508 42	83 50	63 00
April 25.....	67 96	.....	1,832 71	24 13
April 27.....	2,380 90	3,378 46	243 25	345 17
April 28.....	1,068 90	656 12	2,899 80	194 93
	\$6,554 10	\$5,889 74	\$5,802 61	\$1,926 20

Yours, very respectfully,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

Received and ordered filed.

Four concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, April 28, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Herewith I enclose you copy of an act of the Legislature, approved April 8, 1875, authorizing a change in the name of "The American Standard," without changing or affecting the legal status of the paper.

In other words, the proprietor of the "Standard," by legislative act, is authorized to continue that paper under a new name, and the change of name under the provisions of the act does not deprive the paper or its proprietor, of any official or other printing which by law it would have been entitled to if the name had not been changed. The certificates, stating the new name adopted for the paper, have been duly made, executed and filed, as the act requires, to wit: certificates filed in the Secretary of State's office, April 9, 1875; certificates filed in the City Clerk's office of Jersey City, and in the County Clerk's office, April 10, 1875.

The new name adopted and thus certified, as required by the act of the Legislature, is "The Arkus," by which name the said "The American Standard" was and is to be known and designated on and after the said 10th day of April. Respectfully, etc.,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

A further supplement to an act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City, passed March thirty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That the proprietor of the official newspaper in said city, called The American Standard, be and he is hereby authorized to change the name of said newspaper, by filing a certificate stating the new name adopted by him, in the offices of the City Clerk of said city, the County Clerk of Hudson County, and the office of the Secretary of State, and after the filing of such certificate in said offices, the said newspaper shall be continued under such new name and shall be entitled to all official printing under any law of this State, or any resolution of any department of the city government, the same as if its name had not been changed.

2. And be it enacted. That said act shall take effect immediately.

Approved April 8, 1875.

Received and ordered filed.

From the Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, April 28, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In accordance with an act of the Legislature, approved March 24, 1873, I herewith submit the following statement of the bonded debt of the city, April 1, 1875:

General bonded debt.....	\$3,558,080
Assessment bonded debt.....	6,060,500
Water bonded debt.....	4,629,000
	\$14,247,500
Less city bonds in sinking fund	625,565
	\$13,721,935

I am, very respectfully, yours, &c,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller,

JERSEY CITY, April 29, 1875.

Statement of the expenditures to date on the several accounts provided for by appropriation made for expenses of city government, December 1, 1874, to November 30, 1875:

Board of Public Works:	Appropriation.	Expended
Streets and sewers, repairing and cleaning...	\$77,000 00	\$21,330 46
Streets and sewers, reconstruction.....	15,000 00	260 66
Salaries and office expenses.....	25,000 00	7,176 82
Public grounds and buildings.....	10,000 00	5,155 45

Printing and stationery...	3,000 00	1,041 76
Board of Aldermen:		
For support of out-door poor.....	19,000 00	18,936 89
For printing, stationery and supplies.....	6,000 00	1,913 08
For rent of armories and supplies.....	4,750 00	2,495 52
For salaries of City Clerk, Marshal and Overseer of the Poor.		
For repairs of Public Buildings.....	5,000 00	1,666 66
For improvement, repairs and care of public grounds and parks, and bath.....	250 00	20 87
For celebration of 4th of July.....	3,000 00	884 03
Board of Police Commissioners:	2,000 00	
Salaries.....	172,000 00	66,482 50
Station houses and prisons, fuel, gas, etc.....	16,500 00	9,522 21
Hospital and dispensaries supplies to hospital and medicines to poor.....	35,000 00	16,787 57
Lamps and lights.....	195,000 90	67,373 21
Police justices.....	5,250 00	1,666 64
Elections:		
Salaries to Judges and Clerks of Election and Registry, rent of room, stationery, &c.....	10,000 00	57 00
Board of Fire Commissioners:		
Salaries.....	105,000 00	32,232 44
Claims.....	25,000 00	12,553 99
Board of Finance and Taxation:		
For interest on bonds.....	276,886 28	163,399 00
For salaries, including newspapers for publishing minutes.....	53,000 00	18,204 88
For printing and stationery.....	12,000 00	792 05
For supplies, coal, wood, gas, &c.....	3,000 00	964 12
For costs in certiorari cases.....	4,053 82	4,053 82
For repayment of temporary loan.....	150,000 00	150,000 00
Board of Education:		
Salaries.....	201,000 00	78,000 00
Books and stationery.....	8,000 00	7,969 76
Repairs, alterations and furniture.....	9,000 00	3,367 10
Rentals.....	2,600 00	650 00
Printing and blanks, janitors, supplies, heating and ventilating, census, High school, incidentals.....	19,400 00	10,942 48
Free Library.....	1,000 00	

F. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

Received and ordered published in the minutes.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported adverse on the claim of Hugh F. McDermott, \$250, for publishing minutes for the month of March, 1875. The report was received and adopted.

The same committee reported correct the claims of Charles Scott, A. B. Bunting, and William W. Brownlee, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$89 28 be paid to Chas. Scott for labor and materials on repairs at City Hall.

Resolved, That the sum of \$3 60 be paid to A. B. Bunting for taking testimony as Supreme Court Commissioner.

Resolved, That the sum of \$100 be paid to Wm. W. Brownlee for services rendered to special committee appointed to examine contracts.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments

and Concurrent Resolutions offered the following reports:

On the petition of Isaac S. Newton and Warren S. Newton, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

On the petition of John Gleistein and the communication from A. T. McGill, in reference to decisions of the Supreme Court, recommending that they be referred to the Corporation Attorney.

On the petition of James Rogers, for reduction of assessments for taxes, adverse to granting the same, for the reason that this Board has no power to remedy the evil complained of.

On concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, and in accordance with the provisions of a supplement to the city charter, approved April 3, 1872, this Board hereby appoints John V. B. Vreeland as Registrar of the Water Works, for the year next ensuing, at an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars; and

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby requested to fix the amount of bonds to be furnished by the Water Registrar for the next year, be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$50 be paid to H. Rowland, Jr., for storage for No. 1 Truck, from November 24, to December 24, 1874; \$50 to H. Rowland, Jr., for storage of No. 1 Truck, from December 24, 1874, to January 24, 1875.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Extensions and Distributions be and are hereby authorized to advertise for furnishing and delivering one thousand lengths of six-inch cast iron water pipe.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to employ twenty-five additional men, for the space of three months, for the purpose of cleaning and repairing the streets of that portion of Jersey City formerly known as the Township of Greenville, be and the same are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The reports were received and the recommendations and resolutions adopted unanimously, the President calling for the ayes and nays on each resolution.

The Committee on Finance reported correct the official bonds of James Mann and Richard Onslow, Constables.

By Mr. Van Reipen, and adopted:

Moved, That the reports be received and the bonds accepted and ordered filed.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The official bond of Matthew Erwin, City Wharfinger, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer, for thirty thousand dollars, to transfer said sum of general account to assessment account, to repay loan of April 1, 1875.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer, for forty thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from general account to assessment account to pay interest on first of May.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer, to transfer sums as follows to interest account of May, 1875: General account, \$31,717 73; assessment account, \$88,392 50.

Resolved, That coupons on bonds being due and payable, shall be presented at the Hudson

County National Bank, and upon such presentation said Bank is authorized to make payment.

Resolved, That when interest on registered Jersey City water bonds is due and payable, then the Registrar shall draw requisitions for the several amounts of said interest upon the Treasurer, who shall under his hand direct said requisition to the depository of the city funds for payment, and upon such presentation said depository is authorized to make payment, and when interest or any other registered bonds of Jersey City is due and payable, then the Comptroller shall draw requisitions for the several amounts of said interest upon the Treasurer, who shall direct said requisition under his hand to the depository of the city funds for payment, and upon such presentation said depository is authorized to make payment.

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Resolved, That the official bonds of the Water Registrar be fixed at fifty thousand dollars.

Resolved, That all appointees made by any Board of the City Government in all cases where the charter or any Board requires such appointee to give bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties, and who have not already furnished such bonds, are hereby required to furnish and file without delay their official bonds.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That the official paper in this city, heretofore known and designated the American Standard, having had its name changed by its proprietor, pursuant to the provisions of an act of the Legislature, approved April 8, 1875, to The Argus, hereafter in accordance with such change of name, said official paper shall be known by its new designation, The Argus, and The Argus shall continue as one of the official papers until a new designation is made, pursuant to the city charter.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for payment of salaries for month of April, A. D. 1875, when due, viz.:

Henry Trapbagen, Mayor.....	\$ 166 66
James H. Love, City Collector.....	250 00
E. A. Carman, Comptroller.....	250 00
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer.....	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel....	416 66
Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney	291 66
Cornelius S. See, Clerk Board Finance	
and Taxation, 22 days.....	55 00
Wm. Stephens, Clerk to Comptroller....	150 00
A. D. White, Assessment Clerk....	100 00

Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer.....	100 00
James T. Grady, Clerk in Collector's	
office.....	80 00
John Creech, Clerk in Collector's office.	66 66
S. D. Dickinson, Clerk in Collec-	
tor's office.....	66 66
Walter Kissam, Clerk in Collector's of-	
fice.....	80 00
Edw. S. Pigott, Clerk in Collector's	
office.....	100 00
Jacob Emory, tax and assessment bill	
distributor, 26 days.....	78 00
James Browning, Messenger.....	50 00
Thomas K. Halstead, Clerk in City	
Clerk's office.....	100 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office.	83 33
A. L. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office..	66 66
Wm. B. Shafer, Assessor First District...	125 00
P. H. Laverty, Assessor Second District,	
balance due.....	25 00
George Beck, Assessor Second District,	
balance due 8 days.....	32 80
H. T. Lee, Assessor Third District, bal-	
ance due.....	75 00
John H. Ward, Assessor Third District,	
balance due 8 days.....	32 80
J. M. Van Tassel, Assessor Fourth Dis-	
trict.....	125 00
Jacob Ferrine, Assessor Fifth District..	125 00
A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth Dis-	
trict.....	125 00
Evening Journal, printing minutes....	250 00
The Argus, printing minutes.....	250 00
Ann Norton, cleaning rooms at City	
Hall.....	36 00
Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms at City	
Hall.....	36 00
And for the payment of the balance of the	
amount due the members of the Board of Fi-	
nance and Taxation for salaries for the year	
1874-75:	
I. I. Van Der Beek.....	\$125 00
R. C. Bacot.....	125 00
T. C. Brown.....	125 00
James L. Ogden.....	125 00
G. D. Van Reipen.....	125 00

The President calling for the ayes and nays, on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That when we adjourn, it be to meet on Saturday, May 1, 1875, at 9 o'clock a. m.

On motion of Mr. Van Reipen, the Board adjourned.
CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Saturday, May 1, 1875, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs Brown, Fry and Ozden.

Absent—Mr. Van Keipen.

The official bond of John V. B. Vreeland, as Registrar of the Water Works of Jersey City, in the sum of \$50,000, with Garret Vreeland, Nicholas G. Vreeland and Alexander Bonnell as sureties, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The claim of Arthur Spielman for services on improvement of Hoboken avenue was referred

to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

The claim of Conyngham & Co., for interest, was referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The Committee on Finance reported correct, the bond of John V. B. Vreeland, as Registrar of the Water Works of Jersey City.

On motion, the report was received and the bond approved, accepted and ordered on file.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the Clerk be directed to notify Mr. Vreeland, as soon as possible, of the approval of his bond as Water Registrar.

On motion of Mr. Ozden, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 6, 1875, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Ogden, Fry and Van Reipen.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting, and of the special meeting of May 1, 1875, was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from T. M. Arming, in relation to exchange of Hudson City bond, referred to the Committee on Finance.

An order from the Court of Chancery to show cause why an injunction should not issue restraining the authorities from building the pier and abutments and bridge in the extension of Washington street, in Jersey City, received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

The following constables' bonds in the sum of \$1,000 each, were received and referred to the Committee on Finance: Daniel Donovan, Denis Farrell, Henry H. Kline, Horace Sias, Edward Benson, Louis Mohl, Jr., Patrick Anderson, Patrick Neary, and Joseph Coons.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

John Anness \$5 50, for tin box and moving stoves; Frederick Boyes \$62 50, for services as accountant in Comptroller's office. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

The Argus \$42 80, for advertising. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, May 6, 1875. {

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business May 6, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$59,386 01
Balance credit assessment account.....	1,995 92
Balance credit water account.....	10,913 55
Balance credit sinking fund account. .	23,350 05

Yours, very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, May 6, 1875. {

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of the City Treasury, April 29 to May 5, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Water account.	Sinking fund.
April 29, 1875.	\$1,719 77	\$217 50	.....	\$230 24
April 30.....	527 01	500 86	262 22	119 03
May 1.....	150,897 42	275 53	201 00	228 00
May 3.....	1,972 84	1,071 67	536 19	616 10
May 4.....	1,381 33	1,217 40	558 54	378 40
May 5.....	1,345 51	637 20	717 69	917 69
	\$157,844 85	\$3,910 22	\$2,274 64	\$2,489 46

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

Received and ordered filed.

Four concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, May 6, 1875. {

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The claim of Messrs Conyngham & Co., on further examination, appears to be for interest on payments due by contract from the time the payments were due up to the time of receiving payment.

The report of the committee of the Board of Public Works, shows that payments under the

contract in question were ordered as they became due. But claimants set out that payments were not actually made as they became due. The claim then, although in the shape of interest on payments falling due, is really a claim for damages for breach of contract. Without expressing any opinion as to the right of claimants to recover by action, this Board will doubtless deem it most judicious to follow the precedent set by the Board in adopting report of committee on similar claim of American Water and Gas Pipe Company, and for the reasons assigned in the third paragraph of that report.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed

The Committee on Finance reported approved the official bond of Mathew Erwin, City Wharfinger, in the sum of \$5,000, with Edward Skinner and William Atcheson as sureties.

By Mr. Ogden:

Moved, That the report be received and adopted, and the bond, approved, accepted and ordered filed.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported approved the following constables' bonds, in the sum of \$1,000 each:

Peter Cavanagh, with James Coyle and Owen Cavanagh as sureties.

Joseph Dufrane, with George T. Freeman and John McCarty as sureties.

Louis Mohl, Jr., with Thomas Foster and George Heitman as sureties.

Patrick Anderson, with Thomas Brown and George Kirkland as sureties.

Patrick Neary, with Patrick Neary, Sr., and Darby Hanagan as sureties.

Richard Webb, with Michael O'Keefe and Terence O'Neill as sureties.

Robert Madigan, with Henry Carroll and John Madigan as sureties.

Edward Benson, with Albert Heritage and Daniel Toffey as sureties.

Henry F. Crawford, with George E. Cutter and Bernard Hughes as sureties.

Horace Sias with Frederick G. Scheibe and Thomas Carey as sureties.

Joseph Coons with George Seebach and Augustus Thau as sureties.

Henry H. Kline, with Alfred Heritage and John Griffith as sureties.

Dennis Farrell with John Lennon and John Purcell as sureties.

Daniel Donovan, with John O'Mara as surety.

By Mr. Ogden:

Moved, That the report be received and adopted and the bonds approved, accepted and ordered filed.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions offered the following report:

On the petition of Conrad Spengeman, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Attorney.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

On the petition of John B. Coles, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby instructed, upon receiving all the taxes assessed against the real estate known as lot 16, in block 358 (city map), and by the street number 308 Pavonia avenue, to give receipts in full of taxes assessed against said real estate.

On the petition of Thomas Dwyer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to cancel the sale of lot 118 Morgan street, block 50, made August 7, 1862, to Charles H. Voorhees for 1,000 years, for taxes of 1861, for the reason that said taxes were paid to Peter Gordon, Collector of Arrears of Taxes for that year.

On concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing and delivering one hundred and fifteen lengths of twenty inch cast iron water pipe, be and is hereby awarded to William Hunkle, at the price named in his proposal, viz: Forty dollars and ten cents per ton (\$40 10) of 2,240 lbs., and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to have prepared and executed the proper contracts for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$200 be paid to Francis Bastine, on account for services rendered as janitor and messenger to the Board of Public Works during the months of December, 1874, and January, February and March, 1875, be and the same is not concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The reports were received, and the President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Van Reipen :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to deliver to his Honor the Mayor the report of the Committee on Taxes and Assessments, with all the accompanying papers, for the building of Reservoir No. 3 of the Jersey City Water Works; also of contract No. 47, for laying a submerged pipe, &c., under the Hackensack River, for such action as he may deem necessary.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Van Reipen, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 13, 1875, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Ogden, Fry and Van Reiper.
On motion of Mr. Van Reiper, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Messrs. Muirheid & McGee, attorneys of J. B. Cleveland, in reference to an act relative to Reservoir No. 3 of the Jersey City Water Works. Received and laid on the table.

Petition of Messrs. McGraw & Dwight to have corrected assessment for taxes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

The following official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance: Inspectors of Scales, Weights and Measures—John Haley, Patrick O'Neill and Jas. McBride. Poundkeepers—Michael Donovan and Edward Keilly.

Constable—Abram P. Munroe.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Hugh F. McDermott, \$250, for publishing the official minutes for the month of April, 1875. Referred to the Committee on salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, May 7, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I have this day forwarded to William A. Lewis, Esq., counsel of the city, a copy of an order for a rule to show cause why an injunction should not issue in the cause wherein F. O. Mattheisen & Wiechers Sugar Refining Company are complainants, and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and others are defendants, now pending in the Court of Chancery, relative to the construction of abutments, etc., for bridge at Washington street, Jersey City, the above mentioned order being served upon me this morning.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY TRAPHAGEN, Mayor.

Ordered filed.

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, May 13, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of the City Treasurer, May 6 to May 12, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Water account.	Sinking fund.
May 6, 1875...	\$310 61	\$304 40	\$361 50	\$2,492 37
May 7.	767 04	1,194 31	757 25	479 91
May 8.	834 50	1,219 85	759 88	743 39
May 10.	1,902 36	502 05	998 35	842 26
May 11.	786 63	916 83	904 18	258 82
May 12.	1,139 42	29 63	1,693 41	240 19
	\$5,734 56	\$4,491 57	\$5,474 57	\$4,556 84

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }
JERSEY CITY, May 13, 1875. }

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business May 13, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$19,582 01
Balance credit assessment account....	4,488 44
Balance credit water account.....	10,504 23
Balance credit sinking fund account. .	25,908 78

Yours, very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

From the City Collector:

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, May 10, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—This is to certify that I have this day received in my office for collection the following assessment map:

Sewer in Bergen avenue, from Brinkerhoff to Harrison streets—\$2,362 58.

Very respectfully,

JAMES H. LOVE, City Collector.

Ordered filed.

From the City Collector:

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, May 13, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In accordance with section fifty (50) of a supplement to the charter of Jersey City, approved March 24, 1873, I hereby nominate Andrew D. Whyte as clerk to Collector vice Justus Slater, resigned.

Very respectfully,

JAMES H. LOVE, City Collector.

Laid on the table.

The contract between "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City" and William Davison for printing and binding in book form and delivering five hundred copies of the reports of the different Boards of the city government for the official year 1873-4, and the like number for the year 1874-5. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Fourteen concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, in reference to Reservoir No. 3. Laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported approved the official bond of Abram P. Monroe, constable, in the sum of \$1,000, with Daniel Welsh and John A. Bauer, as sureties.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the bond approved, accepted and ordered filed.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported a concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the concurrent resolution passed by this Board at its meeting held January 14, 1875, which limits the expense of the school building to be erected in place of the present school building No. 8, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contracts for building School-house No. 8 be, and the same are hereby awarded to the following-named persons at the prices named in their proposals for doing said work, they being the lowest bidders and their bonds being satisfactory to this Board:

Mason's work—William Robertson, contract price of \$25,000.

Carpenter's work—Christopher Sipp, contract price of \$17,700.

Plumbing and gas fitting—Farrier & Garretson, contract price of \$1,000; and,

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be requested to have prepared and executed the proper contracts for doing said work at his earliest possible moment, be and the same are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, with the express understanding that such contracts shall be prepared in such manner as to effectually prevent any payment to said contractors in excess of the contract prices above named, so that the total cost of said building shall not exceed forty-three thousand seven hundred dollars.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received, and the resolution adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported correct the claims of Hugh McDermott and the Argus, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$3 50 be paid to H. McDermott, for advertising for the Board of Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments.

Resolved, That the sum of \$42 80 be paid to the Argus for advertising.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported correct the claim of Frederick Boyes, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$62 50 be paid to Frederick Boyes, for services as accountant in Comptroller's office for the month of April, 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for ten thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from water account to interest account of May, 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Van Reipen, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication from Muirhead & McGee, in reference to the claim of J. B. Cleveland, and the concurrent resolution re-

ceived at this meeting from the Board of Public Works in reference to the same, be taken from the table and referred to the Corporation Counsel and the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

By Mr. Fry:

Moved, That the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions be requested to report immediately on the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing clerks and assistants to that Board.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the motion was lost by the following vote:

Aye—Mr. Fry.

Nays—President Van Der Beek, and Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Van Reipen.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication from the City Collector, nominating A. D. Whyte as Clerk to Collector, be taken from the table.

By Mr. Brown, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be received and ordered filed, and that A. D. Whyte be appointed Clerk to the City Collector.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the amount of bonds to be furnished by the Clerk to the City Collector be fixed at twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 20, 1875, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Van Keipen, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESSENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petitions of Charles A. Woolsey to have refunded amount paid in error for taxes, and of Samuel K. Trembly for adjustment of assessment of taxes, received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

The official bonds of John A. Scanlon, Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, and Wm. L. Shopp, Constable, were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }

JERSEY CITY, May 17, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—Herewith please find enclosed summons served on me this day in the case of George S. Plympton, (who sues for the use and benefit of Henry Roussel) against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY TRAPHAGEN, Mayor,

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, }

JERSEY CITY, May 20, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balance in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business, May 20, 1875: Balance credit Tax Account, \$20,758 66; balance credit Assessment Account \$1,748 83; balance credit Water Account, \$13,246 93; balance Sinking Fund Account, \$27,292 24.

Yours, very respectfully,

THOMAS EARLE, City Treasurer.

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }

JERSEY CITY, May 20, 1875. }

The Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of City Treasury, May 13 to May 19, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Water fund.	Sinking fund.
May 13, 1875.....	\$871 51	\$775 35	\$164 38	\$209 51
May 14.....	2,404 06	267 34	3,976 94	625 92
May 15.....	637 60	3,110 84	387 69	338 10
May 17.....	1,441 06	695 44	743 50	175 79
May 18.....	1,360 52	506 75	8,969 94	543 89
May 19.....	564 80	80 49	734 25	293 92
	\$7,339 54	\$5,436 21	\$15,577 70	\$2,237 13

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Collector:

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, }

JERSEY CITY, May 20, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—in accordance with section fifty (50) of a supplement to the charter of Jersey City, approved March 24, 1873, I most respectfully nominate David T. Jefferies as a clerk in my office. Hoping this will meet with the approval of your honorable body,

I remain, very respectfully,

JAMES H. LOVE, City Collector.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, }

JERSEY CITY, May 15, 1875. }

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—It is to certify that I have received in my office for collection the following assessment map: Extension and opening Wayne street, \$11,319 71.

Very respectfully,

JAMES H. LOVE, City Collector.

Ordered filed.

The following rule to show cause was re-

ceived and referred to the Corporation Attorney:

NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT, {
Hudson February Term, 1875. }

The State—Edmond W. Kingsland, County Collector, prosecutor, vs. The Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City, James H. Love, Collector of Jersey City, and Thomas Earle, Treasurer of Jersey City. On application for mandamus.

Rule to show cause.

It being made to appear to the Court upon an affidavit that there is due to Edmond W. Kingsland, County Collector of the County of Hudson, the sum of two hundred and seventy-nine thousand and eleven dollars and forty-seven cents from the City of Jersey City, as State, State School and County taxes for the year 1874, and that the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City, James H. Love, Collector of Jersey City, and Thomas Earle, Treasurer of Jersey City, were charged with the collection and payment of said taxes to the County Collector aforesaid.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said Board of Finance and Taxation, James H. Love, Collector of Taxes, as aforesaid, and Thomas Earle, Treasurer, as aforesaid, show cause before this Court, at the State House, in the City of Trenton, on the first Tuesday of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why a writ of mandamus should not issue against them, compelling them to pay over to the County Collector, the State, State School and County taxes, as aforesaid, and that the prosecutor and the said defendant have leave to take affidavits to be used on said hearing. Entered March 2, 1875.

On motion of J. H. Lippincott, Attorney.

[A true copy.]

BENJ. F. LEE, Clerk.

From the Board of Aldermen:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, }

JERSEY CITY, May 20, 1875. }

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The annexed is a copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen of Jersey City at its last meeting, held on the 18th inst., and approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 19th inst.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN E. SCOTT, City Clerk.

Resolved, That a special committee of one be appointed to act with a like committee from the Board of Finance and Taxation and Board of Public Works, for the purpose of conferring with the authorities of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in order that said committee may report some method by which the crossings of said railroad may be rendered more safe and convenient for public use.

By Mr. Van Keipen, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be received and filed, and that the committee requested by the said communication be appointed.

The President appointed as said committee Mr. Van Keipen.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported approved the contract for printing and binding in book form, and delivering five hundred copies of the reports of the different Boards of the city government for the official year 1873-4 and a like number for the year 1874-5.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported approved the following official bonds:

Inspectors of Scales, Weights, and Measures in the sum of \$1,000 each, Patrick O'Neil with Owen O'Neil and Michael Kelly as sureties.

James McBride, with Edward C. Dickenson and Patrick Malone as sureties.

John Haley, with Patrick Dickenson and Michael Koebroder as sureties.

Foundkeepers in the sum \$500 each—Michael Donovan, with James Ford and Patrick Malone as sureties.

Edward Reilly, with James Lyng and Patrick Hackett as sureties.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the bonds were accepted and ordered filed.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions

reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$63 72 be paid to Francis Riker, for horse shoeing during the month of January, 1875; \$95 70 to Cooley & Lammann, for repairs to Street Department carts and wagons during the months of January, February and part of March, 1875; \$6 75 to M. Derlan, for repairing regulator; \$43 05 to John C. Lawrence, for harness and harness repairs during the months of February and March, 1875.

Resolved, That \$31 87 be paid to J. S. Washburn, for horse shoeing during the months of February and March, 1875; \$327 50 to Adolph Luck, for removing sewer garbage during the month of March, 1875.

Resolved, That \$387 25 be paid to N. O. Parks & Co., for cylinder, castor and lard oil.

Resolved, That \$325 be paid to Hewes & Phillips, for nine valve seats.

Resolved, That \$18 51 be paid to James Roche, for horse shoeing from May 18, 1874, to August 15, 1874; \$40 75 to Alexander M. C. Smith, for repairs to leather hose; \$30 65 to J. O. Lawrence, for harness repairs during month of January, 1875; \$56 57 to Francis Riker, for shoeing Street Department horses during month of March, 1875; \$58 25 to James Coleman, for shoeing Street Department horses from September 14, 1874, to March 25, 1875.

Resolved, That \$26 35 be paid to J. C. Lawrence for harness and harness repairs during month of March, 1875; \$107 10 to Cooley & Lammann for repairs to street and sewer department carts and wagons during months of March and April, 1875, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following preambles and resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 11, 1875, to wit:

Whereas, The Board of Public Works at a regular meeting of the same held on the 2d day of March, 1875, did pass a resolution requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to cause to be examined and investigated the accounts and books of the city wharfinger; and

Whereas, The members of the Board of Public Works have recently been informed that said books have been examined and bills made of the unsettled accounts; and

Whereas, In the absence of the former wharfinger, no final report can be made of said accounts and books until the bills so made have been presented and their accuracy ascertained; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are further requested to cause to be presented to the persons represented on said wharfingers' books as indebted to the city, bills for amounts so represented as due, and thereby ascertain the correctness of said accounts and enable the accountant charged

with the examination of the same to make to this Board, through the Board of Finance and Taxation, a full and satisfactory final report thereof, be and the same are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported correct the claim of William Hughes, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of seventeen dollars be paid to William Hughes for carriage hire.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported adverse to paying the claim of H. McDermott \$250, for printing minutes for the month of April, 1875. The report was received and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to furnish at the next meeting a written opinion as to the length of time now allowed by the charter for redemption of property sold for taxes, &c., and time and manner necessary to publish the required notices of redemption.

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Resolved, That the City Collector be requested to make out and furnish to this Board a list of all assessments of taxes on the fringe along the water front in Jersey City, as separate and distinct property, in order that this Board may take such action thereon as may seem proper in view of the decision of the Supreme Court in reference to taxation of shore front as a separate and distinct property.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry:

Moved, That the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions be requested to report on the concurrent resolutions received from the Board of Public Works, appointing a Chief Clerk, Permit Clerk, and Janitor.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the following vote was taken:

Ayes—Messrs. Brown, Fry and Oden.

Nays—President Van Der Beek, and Mr. Van Reipen.

Messrs. Ogden and Brown requested the privilege of changing their votes, as they had voted under a misapprehension.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That Messrs. Ogden and Brown be allowed to change their votes from the affirmative to the negative.

The required change was made, and the original motion declared lost.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and
Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May
27, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.
Absent—All the members.

A quorum not being present, the Clerk ad-
journed the meeting to 8 o'clock p. m. of the
same day.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 27, 1875, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Van Keulen.
Absent—Mr. Fry.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Robert P. Perry to have refunded money erroneously paid for water rents, received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

The official bond of John E. Scott, City Clerk, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }
JERSEY CITY, May 27, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business May 27, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$27,195 72
Balance credit assessment account.....	2,419 61
Balance credit water account	20,177 99
Balance credit sinking fund account. .	28,818 93

Yours, very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

Received and ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported approved the official bond of John E. Scott, City Clerk, in the sum of \$25,000, with William Clarke and Theodore R. Varick as sureties.

By Mr. Van Keulen:

Moved, That the report be received and

adopted and the bond approved, accepted and ordered filed.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of Section 123, of an act entitled, "An act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City, passed March 31, 1871," bonds of Jersey City, either registered or coupon, to be denominated "seven per cent. Jersey City bonds," to the amount of six hundred thousand dollars, in sums of one thousand dollars each, to be in form similar to Jersey City improvement bonds, to bear date June 1, 1875, and payable June 1, 1905, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, be issued and sold, and the proceeds thereof to be used for the conversion and liquidation of bonds of Jersey City outstanding March 31, 1871, payable in less than twenty years from their date, and falling due in the year 1875, and that the Finance Committee have prepared and printed said issue of bonds hereby authorized, and said committee is hereby authorized to negotiate the sale of, and sell said bonds for the best price that can be obtained within the charter limits for the purpose aforesaid, of the conversion and liquidation of said bonds falling due in 1875.

Resolved, That A. L. Sears, a clerk in the City Clerk's office, shall hereafter act as clerk to his Honor the Mayor, in addition to his duties as clerk in the City Clerk's office, and shall receive an additional compensation therefor at the rate of \$200 per annum, such employment to commence June 1, 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Saturday, May 29, 1875, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Fry, and Van Reipen.
Absent—Mr. Ogden.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The official bonds of Andrew D. Whyte, clerk to the City Collector, and Frederick Haag, Poundkeeper, were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Elsie M. Allen, to have refunded money erroneously paid for water rents, and of William W. Soullard, for compensation for taking his lot in Jersey City for opening of Cedar street. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

John Kennard, for stationery, printing, &c., \$413 75 and \$363; Pangborn, Dunning & Bear, for advertising, printing, &c., \$174 and \$86. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

H. D. Betts, for making survey and calculations, &c., for township map of Greenville, \$1,500. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

From the Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, May 27, 1875, }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of the City Treasury, May 20 to May 26, both days inclusive:

Date	General account.	Assessment account.	Water account.	Sinking fund.
May 20, 1875..	\$81 64	\$85 87	\$1,132 96	\$449 95
May 21.....	5 207 74	1 724 00	1 039 03	201 32
May 22.....	1,173 79	427 04	1,075 29	375 39
May 24.....	1,130 84	220 57	758 50	374 54
May 25.....	1,22 00	454 90	1,017 67	113 75
May 26.....	512 97	8 3 59	564 58	68 00
	\$10,138 58	\$3,695 96	\$5,587 83	\$1,577 95

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

Received and ordered filed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for \$19,330, to transfer said sum from water account to account of May interest.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to draw, and his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign, a bond in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund dated May 28, 1875, and payable on demand, and that the proceeds of said bond be deposited to general account as a temporary loan.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for twenty-five thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from general account to assessment account as a loan.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer in the following amounts to transfer said sums to interest account of June, 1875:

On general account.....	\$1,884 30
On assessment account.....	24,500 00
On water account.....	3,860 00

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each resolution, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Board adjourned.
CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 3, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting and of the adjourned meeting of May 27, and of the special meeting of Saturday, May 23, 1875, was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from the Assessor of the Fourth District of Jersey City, in relation to taxation of property owned by the Morris and Essex Railroad Company, was received, and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

R. B. Earle \$40 87, for window-shades, etc.; Bevan & Stephens \$12 for maps. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, {
JERSEY CITY, May 29, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In compliance with resolution requesting opinion "as to the length of time now allowed by the charter for redemption of property sold for taxes, &c., and time and manner necessary to publish the required notices of redemption," I call attention to the following provisions of the charter and supplements:

By supplement of March 27, 1874, Section 3, it is enacted (among other things) that the "time allowed for redemption of lands, tenements (real estate), sold for taxes or water rents, be thereby extended to the term of two years and six months from date of sale of the same."

This provision does not include sales for unpaid assessments, which under section 151 of charter of 1871 are redeemable within two years from date of sale.

As to assessment sales, section 152 of charter of 1871 provides that the notice of expiration of time for redemption shall be given by the Board of Finance and Taxation, which notice shall specify the property unredeemed and the amount due thereon, and shall be published in the official newspapers once a week for sixty days next preceding the expiration of the time limited for redemption. As to sale for taxes and water rents, Section 3 of supplement of 1874, provides that the notice of expiration of time for redemption, shall be "published by the City Clerk in the official newspapers once a week for eight weeks next preceding the first day of March," and said notice shall be in form "tabular," and condensed as provided in Section 2 of said supplement of 1874.

I report then, expiration of time for redemption from assessment sales, two years from date of sales; from tax or water rent sales, two years and six months from date of sale.

Redemption notices, as to assessment sales, sixty days by publication, as aforesaid, once a week, and as to tax and water rent sales, once a week for eight weeks, as aforesaid.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

From the Corporation Attorney:

JERSEY CITY, May 13, 1875.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I herewith return the enclosed papers, relating to the claim of Conrad Spengeman, and would report thereon as follows: I find that Mr. Spengeman bought in, at a tax sale, certain property mentioned in the Collector's certificate; that the property was sold for the tax assessed against the personal property of the owner, as well as the tax on the real estate; that the tax on the personal property

was thirty-four dollars and ninety-three cents. The sale was invalid, so far as the tax on personal property was concerned, but was good for the amount of the tax on the real property. The difference Mr. Spengeman is entitled to receive from the city, as it was paid to the city in mistake of fact. I would recommend that a warrant be drawn in favor of Conrad Spengeman for thirty-four dollars and ninety-three cents, with interest from September 26, 1873, the date of the payment to the city.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM P. DOUGLASS.

From the City Collector:

JERSEY CITY, June 3, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I received some days since from the Clerk of your Board a resolution requesting me to make out a list of all taxes assessed as a fringe, along the water front of Jersey City, as a separate and distinct property. I would most respectfully state that it would be impossible for me to do so, for the reason that the Assessors have not assessed it as a separate property, but have spread the tax over the lands adjoining. And I would also most respectfully suggest to your Honorable Body that the matter be referred to the County Board of Commissioners of Appeals, as they have all the facts in relation to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES H. LOVE, Collector.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, {
JERSEY CITY, June 3, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of the City Treasury, May 27 to June 2, 1875, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Water account.	Sinking fund.
May 27, 1875..	\$853 78	\$270 88	\$2,575 22	\$491 69
May 28.....	543 96	45 19	4,868 49	285 24
May 29.....	522 89	6 94	1,958 75	26 00
May 31.....	224 91	320 65	3,670 55	163 80
June 1.....	.....	.....	.....	358 51
June 2.....	1,702 09	3,989 18	30,688 19	.....
	\$3,917 60	\$4,632 84	\$43,761 50	\$1,260 24

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, {
JERSEY CITY, June 3, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business June 3, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$2,421 68
Balance credit assessment account.....	9,100 63
Balance credit water account.....	33,072 17
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	29,948 89

Yours, very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

Ordered filed.

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Work, were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

A concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, appointing Abner A. Coykendall, Permit and Committee Clerk, and assistant to Water Registrar, at an annual salary of \$1,600, was received and laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported as correct the following official bonds:

Frederick Haag, Poundkeeper, in the sum of \$500, with John Meyer and Aaton Weiler, as sureties.

Wm. L. Shopp, Constable, in the sum of \$1,000, with Patrick H. Nugent and Thos. Bennett, as sureties.

John Scanlon, Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, in the sum of \$1,000 with Wm. Whelan and John O'Rourke as sureties.

The report was received and adopted and the bonds approved, accepted and ordered filed.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions offered the following report.

On the petition of William W. Soullard for compensation for taking his lot in Jersey City for the opening of Cedar street, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Attorney.

On concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, Hugh Keenan is hereby appointed inspector of sewers and sewer connections, at an annual salary of \$1,760.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation Francis Bastine is hereby appointed janitor and messenger of the Board of Public Works, at an annual salary of \$600.

Resolved, That pursuant to the election by this Board of James Reid, to fill the office of Clerk thereof, this Board hereby appoints, with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the said James Reid Clerk of the Board of Public Works, at an annual salary of \$2,250.

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last meeting of this Board, May 4, 1875, appointing a clerk and fixing his salary, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, Bartholomew Stoneham is hereby appointed Registrar's Clerk, at a salary of \$90 per month.

Resolved, That with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, John Bumsted is hereby appointed Assistant Water Assessor, at an annual salary of \$1,300, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

And also recommending that the following resolutions to wit:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That for the purpose of discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works devolving on the Committee on Extensions and Distributions, said committee, with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, are hereby authorized to expend from time to time, as necessity may require, the sum of \$500 for the purchase of water pipe, gates, hydrants, castings, lead, packing, feed for pipe yard horses and such other necessary expenditures as may, from time to time, become necessary in carrying out the duties of said committee, and not to exceed said sum at any one time.

Resolved, That for the purpose of discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works devolving on the Committee on Streets and Sewers, said committee, with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, are hereby authorized to expend from time to time, as necessity may require, the sum of \$300 for the purchase of horse feed, materials and tools for street repairs, repairs to carts, wagons and harness, and streets and sewers, when required, and such other expenditures of said committee as may from time to time become necessary in carrying out the duties of said committee, and not to exceed said sum of \$300 at any one time.

Resolved, That for the purpose of discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works devolving on the Committee on Printing and Stationery, said committee, with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, be authorized to expend from time to time, as necessity may require, the sum of \$50 for stationery for the several departments of this Board, and for printing and advertising corporation notices, as may from time to time become necessary, and not to exceed said sum of \$50 at any one time.

Resolved, That for the purpose of discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works devolving on the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, said committee, with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, are hereby authorized to expend, from time to time, as necessity may require, the sum of \$300 for the purchase of oil, waste, machinery repairs, and such other expenditures as may, from time to time, be necessary, for the support and maintenance of the Water Works, and carrying out the duties of said committee, not to exceed \$300 at any one time.

Resolved, That for the purpose of discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works devolving on the Committee on Public Buildings, Grounds and Parks said committee, with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, are hereby authorized to expend from time to time, as necessity may require, the sum of \$25 for the purchase of coal, wood, brooms and other necessary expenditures of said committee, as may from time to time become necessary, not to exceed said sum of \$25 at any one time, be referred back to the Board of Public Works.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported correct the claim of John Anness and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of four dollars be paid to John Anness, for lapaning tin box now in use by the City Clerk, and one dollar and fifty cents for putting up stove in Treasurer's office.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported correct the claim of John Kennard, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$413 75 be paid to John Kennard for stationery, printing, &c.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That in conformity with section 129 of the city charter the several boards of the city government be requested to file with the Clerk of the Board, on or before June 30, 1875, their estimates of expenditures for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1875.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for thirty thousand dollars to transfer said sum from water account to general account to repay balance due on loan of December 28, 1874.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasury in favor of said officer for ten thousand dollars to transfer said sum from water account to assessment account to repay loan of April 8, 1875.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for fifteen thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from Assessment Account to General Account, on account of loan of April 29, 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, appointing Abner A. Coykendall, be taken from the table.

By Mr. Van Keipen:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, Abner A. Coykendall is hereby appointed Permit and Committee Clerk and assistant to Water Registrar, at an annual salary of sixteen hundred dollars, (\$1,600), be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously :

By Mr. Van Reipen :

Resolved, That when the Board of Public Works shall send to this Board any concurrent resolutions directing the payment of claims for work and labor performed and materials furnished, they be requested to send with said resolution the bills rendered them for the same.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Van Reipen.

Nay—Mr. Fry.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Board adjourned. CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 10, 1875, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Maria Kirkman to have sale for taxes cancelled. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

The Argus, \$26 40, for advertising, and John W. Harrison, \$238 84. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From his Honor the Mayor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
JERSEY CITY, June 9, 1875. }

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to you without my signature the annexed resolution, as passed by your Honorable Body on the 27th of May, last relative to the appointment of A. L. Sears as Clerk to the Mayor, for the following reasons:

Because I do not deem the duties of the office of Mayor to be so arduous as to require the assistance of a clerk, and moreover I consider the same to be an unnecessary expense to the city. I would therefore ask that your Honorable Body will rescind the same.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY TRAPHAGEN, Mayor.

Laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, June 10, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of the City Treasury, June 3 to 9, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Water account.	Sinking fund.
June 3, 1875..	\$373 21	\$1,360 11	\$1 06 08	\$259 41
June 4.....	1,646 49	2,072 48	1,067 03	3 855 77
June 5.....	1,103 93	104 84	1,951 96	124 74
June 7.....	221 18	277 66	1,903 85	35 00
June 8.....	715 41	14 60	1,848 26	607 30
June 9.....	1,284 85	344 44	2,819 89	230 29

\$5,850 07 \$6,774 03 \$10,637 15 \$5,112 51
Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, June 10, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business June 10, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$9,717 50
Balance credit assessment account....	9,801 99
Balance credit water account.....	10,177 68
Balance credit sinking fund account..	12,054 61

Yours, very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

From the City Clerk:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, June 10, 1875. }

Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I herewith respectfully transmit a copy of an act passed by the Legislature at its recent session, a certified copy of which was received by me on the 9th inst.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. SCOTT, City Clerk,

State of New Jersey:

A further supplement to an act entitled, "An act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City;" 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, that any party or parties that have suffered damages by any change or alteration of grades heretofore made necessary by reason of the grading and improving Brunswick and Wayne streets, in the city of Jersey City shall be entitled to a compensation for such damage; such change of grade and improvement shall be taken and deemed a permanent improvement and shall be borne by the city at large, and be paid by general tax, and it shall be lawful for the Board of Public Works or their successors, after such damage so as aforesaid shall be ascertained by resolution, to direct the issue of bonds of the said city for the purpose of raising the whole of such damage to be borne and paid as aforesaid, or any part thereof, which bonds shall be in such sums and shall run for such times, not less than ten nor more than twenty years from their dates, as the Board of Finance and Taxation shall direct, and shall bear interest not exceeding seven per cent per annum; such bonds shall be sold as hereinbefore provided and the proceeds thereof shall be applied to supply the cost of damage aforesaid.

2. And be it enacted, that all acts and parts of acts contrary to the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved, April 9, 1875.

From the Corporation Attorney:

JERSEY CITY, June 9, 1875.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I received from the Clerk of your Board a few days ago, a summons against the city at the suit of James McCormack and wife, issued by Thomas Aldridge, a Justice of the Peace. The summons is endorsed as served on the Mayor, June 3.

This summons is issued without any authority. A Justice of the Peace cannot bring a Municipal Corporation into Court. This was so decided in the Supreme Court of this State some years since, as far as regards townships; and in the case of Horton against Jersey City, argued by me at the February Term, 1875, of the Supreme Court, the Court again held the same doctrine, and applied it to this city, the city being successful, and the judgment against it being set aside on certiorari.

I shall see that the Justice is informed of the decision. Respectfully,

WILLIAM P. DOUGLASS,
Corporation Attorney,

CORPORATION ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, June 9, 1875. }

To the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to your Board the bill of R. F. Downing for services vices alleged to have been rendered to the Board of Street Commissioners of the Township of Greenville. This bill was once before your Board showing no items, now it comes arranged as a bill of items, amounting to exactly the same amount for which it was formerly presented. On receipt of this last bill from your Board, I wrote Mr. Downing for some further explanation of it, but have as yet heard nothing from him. If Mr. Downing can satisfy me that this is a proper bill for Jersey City to pay, I will cheerfully so recommend, but in the absence of any explanation, I am not disposed to make any recommendation. I have yet to learn that Mr. Downing ever introduced or negotiated any Greenville bonds or procured any loans to the Township or Street Commissioners.

Respectfully, WILLIAM P. DOUGLASS,
Corporation Attorney.

Ordered filed.

From the Corporation Attorney :

CORPORATION ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, June 9, 1875. }

To the Board of Finance and Taxation :

Gentlemen—Permit me to say, with regard to the matters alleged to be facts in the enclosed petition of W. W. Soullard, that if the city has taken any of Mr. Soullard's property, it must pay for it, and the fact that it has paid the award to some other person not entitled to receive it is no defence. I would recommend that on Mr. Soullard's showing title to the property at the time the award was made, and that he is still the owner of the remainder of the lot, the award made be paid to him, and the Corporation Attorney requested to commence suit against the person who wrongfully took the amount awarded as the value of Mr. Soullard's property so taken.

Respectfully, WILLIAM P. DOUGLASS.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

CORPORATION ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, June 9, 1875. }

To the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—With regard to the enclosed communication of J. M. Van Tassel, Assessor, Fourth District, I would recommend that the Corporation Attorney be authorized to have made such an examination of the records in the County Register's office as may be necessary to show what lands lying in the Fourth District are owned and held by the Morris & Essex Railroad Company, in order that the Assessor of that District may be enabled to make a proper report to the State Commissioners on Railroad Taxation.

Respectfully, WILLIAM P. DOUGLASS.

By Mr. Van Keppen, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be received and filed, and that the recommendation be adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That for the purpose of discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works devolving on the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, said committee, with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation are hereby authorized to expend from time to time, as necessity may require, the sum of \$150 for the purchase of water meters, taps, stop-cocks material and repairs to water meters, lumber for meter boxes, and such expenditures of said Committee as may from time to time become necessary in carrying out the duties of said committee—not to exceed said sum of \$150 at any one time—and the same is hereby not concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On communication from Jas. H. Love in reference to taxation of shore front, recommending that it be referred to the County Board of Commissioners of Appeals.

The Committee on Finance reported on the communication from the Corporation Counsel in relation to advertising expiration of time for redemption of property sold for taxes, recommending that the said communication be filed.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received, and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The communication from the City Collector, nominating David T. Jeffery as clerk in his office, was taken from the table.

By Mr. Brown :

Moved, That the communication be received, and filed, and that Mr. Jeffery be appointed a clerk in the City Clerk's office.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the motion was adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported correct the claim of R. B. Earle, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of \$40 87 be paid to R. B. Earle for covering lounge, new window-shades, etc., for Treasurer's office.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved, That the salary of D. T. Jeffery, clerk in the City Collector's office, be fixed at the rate of \$960 per annum.

Resolved, That the salaries of Samuel D. Dickinson and John Creech, clerks in the City Collector's office, be fixed at the rate of \$960 per annum, each, to commence May 1, 1875.

Resolved, That from June 1, 1875, the salary of E. S. Pigott be fixed at the rate of \$960 per annum.

Resolved, That the salary of the Clerk of this Board be fixed at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, to commence at the date of his appointment.

By Mr. Van Keppen :

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for payment of salaries for month of May, A. D. 1875,	
Henry Traphagen, Mayor.....	\$ 166 66
James H. Love, City Collector.....	230 00
E. A. Carman, Comptroller.....	250 00
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer.....	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel....	416 66
Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney	291 66
Cornelius S. See, Clerk Board Finance	
and Taxation, 8 days in April, \$26 64,	
and for month of May \$100.....	126 64
Wm. Stephens, Clerk to Comptroller....	150 00
Fred. Boyes, Accountant.....	62 50
A. D. White, Clerk to Collector.....	125 00
Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer.....	100 00
S. D. Dickinson, Clerk in Collector's office.....	80 00
John Creech, Clerk in Collector's office.	80 00
James T. Grady, Clerk in Collector's office.....	80 00
Walter Kissam, Clerk in Collector's office.....	80 00
Edw. S. Pigott, Clerk in Collector's office.....	100 00
D. T. Jeffery, 21 days, Clerk in Collector's office.....	55 80
Jacob Emory, tax and assessment bill distributor, 26 days, at \$3.....	78 00
James Browning, Messenger.....	50 00
Thomas K. Halstead, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	100 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office.	83 33
A. L. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office.	66 66
Wm. B. Shafer, Assessor First District..	125 00
George Beck, Assessor Second District..	125 00
John H. Ward, Assessor Third District.	125 00
J. M. Van Tassel, Assessor Fourth District.....	125 00
Jacob Ferrine, Assessor Fifth District..	125 00
A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth District.....	125 00
Evening Journal, printing minutes..	250 00
The Argus, printing minutes.....	250 00
Ann Norton, cleaning rooms at City Hall.....	36 00
Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms at City Hall.....	36 00

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 17, 1875, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Hugh F. McDermott \$250, for printing minutes; Hudson County German Publishing Association \$10, for printing and advertising. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Six concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Aldermen, laid on the table.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be requested to determine the amount of bonds to be furnished by the Permit Clerk and Assistant to Water Registrar for the ensuing year. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That the following estimate of this Board for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1875, be presented to the Board of Finance and Taxation, in accordance with a resolution of said Board of Finance and Taxation, passed June 3, 1875, and approved by his Honor the Mayor, June 5, 1875, viz.:

Cleaning and repairing streets and sewers	\$80,000 00
Reconstruction of streets and sewers.....	25,000 00
Salaries, including Commissioners.....	25,000 00
Repairs of public buildings, &c.....	20,000 00
Printing and stationery.....	5,000 00
Wharves, piers, &c.....	2,000 00
	\$157,000 00

Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

From his Honor the Mayor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, {

JERSEY CITY, June 15, 1875. }

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Enclosed herewith please find summons in case of John Huxhes and James Matthews vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, the same having been served upon me this day. Respectfully yours,

HENRY TRAPHAGEN, Mayor.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

From the Water Registrar:

JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 8, 1875.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Since my last report to your Board the following lists for water sold by metre measurement, have been placed in my hands for collection, viz.:

For month ending March 1, 1875.....	\$9,562 51
For month ending April 1, 1875.....	9,467 11
For month & quarter ending May 1, 1875.....	2,443 63
For month ending June 1, 1875.....	7,141 71
J. V. B. VRELAND, Registrar.	

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, {

JERSEY CITY, June 17, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of the City Treasury, June 10 to 16, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Water fund.	Sinking fund.
June 10, 1875.....	\$123 31	\$40 06	\$1,101 74	
June 11.....	305 08	782 61	5,048 75	
June 12.....	626 47	59 44	2,104 69	212 57
June 14.....	1,744 22	1070 77	1,780 59	61 26
June 15.....	658 81	501 06	2,252 46	293 33
June 16.....	910 61	1,014 73	4,075 65	147 38
	\$4,365 54	\$3,609 74	\$16,363 87	\$1,067 64

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, {
JERSEY CITY, June 17, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business June 17, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$18,515 38
Balance credit assessment account.....	10,986 17
Balance credit water account.....	17,791 17
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	11,023 47

Yours, very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

Ordered filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The communication from his Honor the Mayor, vetoing the resolution appointing A. L. Sears, Clerk to the Mayor, was taken from the table and read.

By Mr. Brown:

Moved, that the communication be filed, and that the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The president calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was lost, all the members voting in the negative.

By Mr. Van Reipen, and adopted:

Moved, That the concurrent resolution from the Board of Aldermen be taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions offered the following report:

On the petition of Mrs. Effie Tuers, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Mrs. Effie Tuers, for thirty-two dollars and twenty-four cents, to refund to her amount erroneously paid as follows:

Water rents, 1872-3	\$12 50
Penalty and interest	4 37
	\$16 87
Water rents, 1873-4	12 50
Penalty and interest	2 87
	\$15 37

Total.....\$32 24

The same having been previously paid by Charles Dennison, lessee.

On the petition of Conrad Spengeman recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Corporation Attorney, a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Conrad Spengeman for \$39 15 to refund amount paid by him to the city, at a tax sale, through mistake of fact.

On the petition of Charles A. Woolsey, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Charles A. Woolsey for \$3 90, to refund to him amount paid by him through error for taxes for the year 1874.

On the petition of J. Keillien, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon the payment to the City Collector of one-half the amount assessed against lot assessor's number 28, fronting on South Sixth street, block 337, for sewer in Brunswick street, from South Seventh to South Eighth streets, and in South Sixth streets, from Newark avenue to Brunswick street, he be directed to cancel the assessment against the half of said lot 28, assessor's number, block 337, fronting on South Sixth street.

On Concurrent Resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,075 be paid to A. A. Coykendall in full for services rendered as Permit Clerk and assistant to Water Registrar to May 1, 1875; \$600 to Francis Bastien, in full for services rendered as Janitor to the Board of Public Works for year ending May 1, 1875, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, with the proviso that said Coykendall and Bastien shall each receipt to "the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," in full of all claims for services to May 1, 1875, and shall receipt in full of their respective suits against the city for services and release and discharge the city from the payment of any costs and charges of the said Coykendall and Bastien respectively under said suits, or resulting therefrom, which receipts and releases shall be required before delivery of the warrant.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, and in accordance with the city charter and the supplements thereto, S. B. Dougherty is hereby appointed Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works, at an annual salary of three thousand dollars, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$25 be paid to G. P. Howell, for rent of stable for Street Department in Hudson City, from December 1, 1874, to May 1, 1875; \$17 40 to Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas consumed in Street Department stable during quarter ending April 1, 1875.

Resolved, That \$42 75 be paid to J. W. Harrison, for envelopes furnished at Water Registrar's office; \$5 to John Anness, for one keg of 10-penny nails; \$50 to J. W. Harrison, for furnishing blank plumber reports and lead pencils at Water Registrar's office; \$150 to J. W. Harrison, for furnishing 20,000 water bills; \$25 to J. W. Harrison, for furnishing one permit book at the Water Registrar's office; \$11 to J. W. Harrison for pens and pencils furnished at Water Registrar's office; \$7 36 to John Anness for brooms, scrubbing-brushes and brown soap furnished at office of Board of Public Works; \$42 30 to J. W. Harrison for drawing-paper and lead pencils furnished Engineering Bureau; \$31 45 to J. W. Harrison for postage stamps at Clerk's office; \$12 to J. W. Harrison for one sewer permit book furnished at Water Registrar's office.

Resolved, That \$121 53 be paid to John Anness for shovels, rammers, wheelbarrows and other tools; \$37 50 to Adolph Luck for removing sewer garbage during month of April, 1875; \$231 50 to Warner & Cascahen for feed for Street Department horses during months of March and April, 1875; \$62 40 to P. J. Condon for repairing sewer in Bay street; \$55 to P. J. Condon for raising receiving basins, corner of Washington and Morgan street; \$31 60 to John A. Van for harness repairs during months of January, February, March and April, 1875; \$102 70 to Daniel Davis for two barrels of tallow oil, furnished at Belleville; \$45 50 to O'Neill & McLaughlin for furnishing and delivering brick-cement, etc., at Belleville; \$181 50 to O'Neill & McLaughlin, for repairing furnaces of duplex boiler; \$25 50 to John Anness, for lamp chimneys, sheet-iron pans, etc.; \$36 to O'Neill & McLaughlin, for carting ashes and clinders at Belleville; \$38 50 to O'Neill & McLaughlin, for repairing Cornish boiler house; \$29 80 to Warner & Cascahen, for feed for pipe yard horses during the month of April, 1875; \$13 50 to James H. Whyte, for kindling wood furnished at pipe yard; \$32 25 to John Anness, for picks, pick-handles and heap packing furnished at pipe yard.

Resolved, That \$42 be paid to O'Neill & McLaughlin, for use of horse, cart and man at Belleville, moving ashes; \$160 to O'Neill & McLaughlin, for labor of man, repairing engine beds at Belleville; \$470 to McComb & Harmon Manufacturing Company, for new taps and boring out and making new bands for old

taps, be and the same are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$53 11 be paid to S. C. Prescott, for repairing holes in wooden pavement in Eighth street; \$39 37 to S. C. Prescott, for repairing holes in wooden pavement in Monticello avenue; \$18 05 to S. C. Prescott, for repairing holes in wooden pavement in Wayne street; \$12 43 to S. C. Prescott, for repairing holes in wooden pavement in Jersey avenue.

Resolved, That \$11 80 be paid to H. F. Ca-key, for harness repairs from February 12, 1874, to February 24, 1874; \$303 25 to P. J. Condon, for repairing Ravine road sewer; \$47 20 to Hanmore & Hedden, for covering and repairing, with feltg, steam-drum, pipes and domes over Cornish boilers at Belleville; \$223 50 to Hugh Glennon, for sand furnished for street repairs during the month of April, 1875.

Be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That the resolution, awarding contracts for building School No. 8, mason work to William Robertson, at contract price of \$25,000; carpenter work to Christopher Sipp, at a contract price of \$17,700; plumbing and gas-fitting to Garrier & Garretson, at the contract price of \$1,000, passed May 4, 1875, be and the same is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 15, 1875, to wit:

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen concur in the following preamble and resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works June 15, 1875:

Whereas, This Board, at a regular meeting held May 25, 1875, passed a resolution asking the Board of Finance and Taxation for their concurrence in authorizing the Board of Public Works to advertise for furnishing and delivering at the Jersey City Water Works, at Belleville, N. J., 400 tons of bituminous and 4,000 tons of anthracite coal for use during the ensuing year, and up to this time the said Board of Finance and Taxation have failed to act upon the same; and

Whereas, The engineer at said Water Works at Belleville reports to this Board that the supply of coal now on hand is insufficient to meet the needs of the department after July 20, 1875, and it is a necessity that some action should be taken to prevent the supply of coal at said Water Works becoming exhausted, thereby causing the stoppage of the Water Works; and

Whereas, The exigency now existing is such that a contract cannot be entered into for obtaining the necessary supply of coal in time to insure its delivery before said 21st day of July, if the regular course of advertising for proposals as provided for in Section 130 of the City Charter is followed, but is of a character contemplated by the State Legislature in passing upon Section 53, page 125 of the City Charter, authorizing the Board charged with the same to furnish material forthwith, and thereby avoid the ordinary delay of advertising for proposals; therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs of this Board be and are hereby authorized to purchase at the best price at which they can procure the same, and without advertising for proposals, one cargo of anthracite coal to be delivered at the Jersey City Water Works at Belleville at a cost not to exceed fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Board of Aldermen for their concurrence therein as provided in Section 53, on page 125 of the Jersey City Charter and supplement, be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President, calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Van Keulen:

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Board, May 13, 1875, concurring in the awarding of the contracts for building school house No. 8, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for building school house No. 8 be and is hereby awarded to the following named persons at the prices named in their proposals for doing said work, they being the lowest bidders, and their bonds being satisfactory to this Board, viz:

Mason work to William Robertson at the contract price of \$25,000, and rock excavation at the rate of \$5 per cubic yard; carpenter work to Christopher Sipp at the contract price of \$17,700, plumbing and gas fitting, to Farrier & Garretson at the contract price of \$1,000; and

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby requested to have prepared and executed the proper contracts for doing said work with said parties at the earliest possible moment, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, with the express understanding that such contracts shall be prepared in such manner as to effectually prevent any payment to said contractors in excess of the contract prices above named, except to William Robertson for rock excavation, so that the total cost of said building shall not exceed forty-three thousand seven hundred dollars, exclusive of rock excavation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received, and the resolution adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported correct the claims of J. W. Harrison, the Argus and Kennard & Hay, Stationery, Manufacturing and Printing Company, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$233 84 be paid to J. W. Harrison, for stationery, &c.

Resolved, That the sum of \$34 41 be paid to the Argus, for advertising.

Resolved, That the sum of \$363 be paid to Kennard & Hay, S. M. and Printing Company, for printing, stationery, &c.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel advise this Board as to the power of the Board of Aldermen to remit fines and penalties, and to withdraw or divert from the Sinking Fund, fines and penalties which the charter provides shall be appropriated to the Sinking Fund, under the control of the Sinking Fund Commissioners.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Board adjourned. CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 24, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Brown, Fry, Ogden and Van Reipen.

Absent—President Van Der Beek.

In the absence of the President, the Clerk called the Board to order.

On motion, Mr. Brown was elected President pro tem.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from Messrs. Muirheid and McGee:

JERSEY CITY, June 24, 1875.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—Permit us to call your attention to a communication presented to you on May 13, ultimo, by us in behalf of and as attorneys for Mr. Jeremiah B. Cleveland. The communication so presented referred to the unsettled question between Mr. Cleveland and the city of Jersey City regarding the sum to be paid for work done in the building of Reservoir No. 3, this city.

That communication requested that you should take action on the matters therein set forth and contained, viz.: a petition which had been on May 11th, ult., presented to the Board of Public Works, a copy of the act therein referred to, and a proposed resolution to be passed by that Board, if in accordance with their views.

The petition to the Board of Public Works was acted upon by that Board, and a resolution, substantially the same as the one presented to them, was passed, which came to your Honorable Body for concurrence, on or about May 13th ultimo.

The act in question, a copy of which has been laid before you, makes it an imperative duty under the facts as they now, by virtue of the above recited proceedings, exist for your Honorable Body to take action thereon, as directed in the act. Mr. Cleveland now is and, ever since the time of the presentation of his petition, has been entirely ready on his part to do all things which he is directed in the said act to do.

More than a month has elapsed since these papers were presented to you; many meetings, consultations and conferences have been had, and as yet your Honorable Board has failed to move in the premises either pro. or con.

You cannot fail to perceive, gentlemen, that to Mr. Cleveland this matter is one of much importance, and you will pardon us in urging that some action be at once taken. Mr. Cleveland greatly deprecates litigation regarding it, but it seems to have reached that point where he can no longer consistently delay or acquiesce therein.

Respectfully,
MUIRHEID & MCGEE.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be received and laid on the table until the adjourned meeting of Friday, June 25, 1875.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

J. W. Harrison \$356 30 for bonds, warrant books, &c.; Commercial Advertiser \$35 10, for advertising; the New York Times \$50, for advertising; the Evening Post \$63, for advertising. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

John A. Nugent \$13 80, for stenographers copy of case Riker vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Wm. Brinkerhoff \$129 71, for taxed costs in certiorari suits. Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

Six concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, {

JERSEY CITY, June 24, 1875. }

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of the City Treasury, June 17 to 23, both days inclusive:

	General account.	Assessment account.	Water account.	Sinking fund.
1875.				
June 17..	\$593 88	\$45 35	\$1,657 00	\$153 84
June 18..	1,056 72	31 64	1,446 1	101 71
June 19..	405 97	261 31	1,412 76	310 26
June 20..	13,641 05	649 76	3,174 45	194 26
June 22..	757 68	345 30	3,605 87	275 00
June 23..	657 77	264 07	3,057 79	23 11
	\$17,033 05	\$2,09 36	\$14,389 88	\$1,263 18

Very respectfully,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, {

JERSEY CITY, June 24, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business, June 24, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$13,379 49
Balance credit assessment account....	16,985 51
Balance credit water account.....	31,732 29
Balance credit sinking fund account..	12,629 55

Yours very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City treasurer.

From the Corporation Attorney:

JERSEY CITY, June 24, 1875.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to your Board the petition of John Gleiten, for the cancellation of an assessment against his property on the corner of Monmouth and Seventh streets.

There are grave doubts in my mind of the propriety of such action as is requested in the petition, as the effect would be to throw upon the city the ultimate payment of \$430 27, which ought properly to be paid by assessment on the property benefited. Corner property is liable generally to assessments to a greater degree than inside lots, and there is nothing in the petition to show that the benefit received by the petitioner does not equal the assessment made against his property. I cannot, therefore, advise the cancellation of the assessment on the petition before your Board. Respectfully,

W. P. DOUGLASS, Corporation Attorney.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 24, 1875.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I am in receipt of a copy of summons served on the Mayor in an action commenced against the city by Hughes & Matthews. The case will receive proper attention.

Respectfully, WILLIAM P. DOUGLASS,
Corporation Attorney.

Ordered filed.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, {

JERSEY CITY, June 23, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The question and matter of arbitration provided for in the act entitled "An act relative to Reservoir No. 3, Jersey City Water Works," approved March 29, 1875, referred to counsel by the Board at its last meeting, I have considered.

The legislative act in question, as will appear by the recital in the preamble, and by the provisions of its sections, proceeds upon the equities, but, as it relieves Mr. Cleveland from any overpayment to Mitchell & Bridgford, his assignors of the contract, for work done by them Mitchell & Bridgford, "if any such overpayment there was," it is subject to criticism, for the reason that the assignee of a contract takes the contract subject to all the equities, and payments which enter into the consideration of a contract cannot be ignored in making up those equities. What did the assignee acquire by the assignment? Certainly no greater rights than the assignors had in the contract. That con-

tract was chargeable with all payments made on it by the city, and equity requires that all payments made on it should be allowed. But this act in question does not require it, in that it relieves the assignee of the contract from any over-payment thereon made to his assignors who contracted with the city.

The act in question as to the equities is further noticeable, unless it be assumed beyond question there is compensation due Mr. Cleveland from the city; for the provision of the act is, that upon the award and determination of the question, what compensation, if any, is equitably due to said Cleveland for what has been done or furnished by him or his assignors, either under the contract before stated with his assignors, or for work done or materials furnished for said reservoir, or the sewer therewith connected, outside of that contract, not, however, charging said Cleveland with any over-payment to Mitchell & Bridgford for work done by them, if any such over-payment there was, 'the amount of said award, if in favor of said Cleveland, shall be paid to him' by the city in full of all claims and demands against the city, or any department thereof, upon his executing and delivering to the city a release of all demands respecting said matters. But no provision is made in the act for payment back by Mr. Cleveland to the city in case the award is not in his favor, and in case it should be determined that in equity he has been overpaid.

The award being made, if in favor of Mr. Cleveland, the act obligates the city to pay the amount which may be awarded to Mr. Cleveland on his releasing as therein provides; but it is fairly subject to controversy whether Mr. Cleveland is bound to accept the award when made, and give full release. I understand his counsel to admit that in their interpretation of the act, it is left optional with him to accept or not such award and give release. If I have misunderstood it, the statement will be subject to correction.

Without further considering the equities of the act, by the provisions of section 2, the Board of Public Works is required to submit the said question of compensation to 'the award or determination of such person or persons as said Cleveland and the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City shall agree upon.'

The Board of Public Works has complied with the requirements of the act, and submitted the question. In following out the further provisions of the section, it now remains for Mr. Cleveland and the Board of Finance and Taxation to agree upon a person or persons to whom to submit said question.

The selection provided for is a matter of agreement and is left wholly to the action of your Board and Mr. Cleveland.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be received and laid on the table until the adjourned meeting of Friday, June 25, 1875.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer in the following amounts to transfer said sums to interest account of July, 1875.

On general account.....	\$63,912
On assessment account.....	80,430
On water account.....	71,415

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for payment of salaries for month of June, A. D. 1875, when due, viz.:

Henry Trahasen, Mayor.....	\$ 186 66
James H. Love, City Collector.....	250 00
E. A. Carman, Comptroller.....	250 00
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer.....	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel.....	416 66
Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney.....	291 66
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The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Brown and adopted:

Moved, That at the appointment heretofore made, of Andrew D. White, as Clerk to the City Collector, be styled and designated "Assistant" to the Collector, and that the said Clerk so appointed as "Assistant," is hereby required to give bond in amount heretofore fixed by this Board.

B. Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the proposal received for bonds of Jersey City be opened and read by the Clerk.

The following bids were read:

CORNWALL, CRANGE CO., N. Y., }
June 23, 1875. }

T. C. Brown, Esq., Chairman Finance Committee:

Dear Sir—I will exchange \$5,000 Jersey City bonds, maturing July 1st, for new bonds, adding a premium of one per cent. and interest, if any.

Very respectfully yours,

D. H. MACURDY.

JERSEY CITY, June 24, 1875.

I. J. Van Der Beek, President Board Finance:

Dear Sir—I will give 101.51 for \$25,000 Jersey City seven per cent. bonds.

Yours, respectfully, C. ZABRISKIE.

67 PRINCE STREET, }

NEW YORK, June 15, 1875. }

I. Van Der Beek, President Board of Finance and Taxation:

Dear Sir—I propose to change my one hundred thousand dollars of Jersey City Improvement Bonds due next July for the same amount of the new Jersey City Loan, registered at par.

Yours, very truly, JOHN H. L'ONTOIR.

NEW YORK, June 24, 1875.

To the Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.:

Gentlemen—We offer you for one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars Jersey City thirty year bonds, advertised for proposals this day at the following prices:

\$50,000.....	102.05
25,000.....	102.11
2,500.....	102.21
2,500.....	102.26

\$125,000

Respectfully yours, N. STEPHENS.

Board of Finance and Taxation.

JERSEY CITY, June 22, 1875.

To I. J. Van Der Beek, Esq.:

Sir—I will take three thousand dollars (\$3,000)

of Jersey City seven per cent coupon bonds at par, one hundred cents on the dollar.

ORLANDO J. MARVIN,
174 Seventh street, Jersey City.

JERSEY CITY, June 24, 1875.
To the Chairman of the Board of Finance:
I hereby propose to purchase Jersey City bonds as per your advertisement as follows:
\$10,000 at 100%, \$25,000 at 101, \$25,000 at 101½;
\$60,000 in all,
Very respectfully,
J. LAMB

JERSEY CITY, June 24, 1875.
Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:
Gentlemen—The undersigned offers 100% and accrued interest for \$5,000 Jersey City seven per cent coupon bonds, payable in thirty years from June 1, 1875, interest semi-annually, issued under act passed March 31, 1875.
Respectfully,
HENRY A. BOORAEM.

NEW YORK, June 24, 1875.
Hon. I. I. Van Der Beek, President:
Dear Sir—I herewith submit my bid for Jersey City 7 per cent. bonds, to wit: \$600,000 at 101.63%, and accrued interest, if the bonds carry interest from June 1.
Respectfully yours,
GEO. K. SISTARE, Jr.,
24 Nassau street, New York.

NEW YORK, June 24, 1875.
I. I. Van Der Beek, Esq., President Board of Finance and Taxation, Jersey City:
Dear Sir—I will give 102.55 per cent., and accrued interest, for (15 M) fifteen one thousand dollar bonds of the 7 per cent. loan, ~~no~~ per advertisement enclosed; will furnish name if bid is accepted.
Respectfully yours,
N. T. BEERS, Jr.

NEW YORK, June 25, 1875.
F. C. Brown, Esq., Chairman Fin. Com.:
Dear Sir—I will give for \$6,000 Jersey City thirty years seven per cent. coupon (\$1,000 each) bonds, par and accrued interest. Will deposit ten per cent. of amount if bid is accepted, and balance on July 1.
HENRY MILLER.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:
Moved, That the bids be referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:
Moved, That when we adjourn it be to meet on Friday, June 25, at 8 o'clock p. m.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:
Moved, That the Corporation Attorney be requested to make the searches in reference to the taxable property of the Morris and Essex Railroad Company in the Fourth District, and report to this Board at the adjourned meeting to be held to-morrow evening.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned.
CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Friday, June 25, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Fry and Van Keipen.

Absent—Mr. Ogden.

From the Corporation Attorney:

CORPORATION ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, June 25, 1875.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I send herewith the result of the examinations made, under my direction, of the records in the office of the Register of Hudson County. It shows seventy-three conveyances of land to the company within the limits of the Fourth Aldermanic District, some of the conveyances including several parcels of land. I would have attended your meeting this evening to make any explanation of the papers which might be desired, had not the trial of a suit brought by the City against William Atcheson, now pending before Judge Randolph, as referee, been set down for half-past seven this evening, and which demands my personal attention. There will be no difficulty, however, in the Assessor making out his list from the enclosed papers.

Respectfully,

W. P. DOUGLASS, Corporation Attorney.

By Mr. Van Keipen, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be received and placed on file, and the search sent to the Assessor of the Fourth District.

By Mr. Brown:

Moved, That the bids of the Patent Water and Gas Pipe Company by Mr. Stevens for \$125,000 of Jersey City bonds, and Mr. Beers for \$15,000, be accepted, and all other bids rejected.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was adopted unanimously.

Petition of Charles H. Voorhis, to have refunded amount paid at tax sale. Referred to Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication from Mr. Van Tassel be taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the Committee on Taxes and Assessments be authorized to instruct the Assessor of the Fourth District to be in attendance before the Commissioners of Railroad Taxation in New Jersey, at such time as he shall designate to protect the interests of the city.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution

adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$37 33 be paid to Chas. Freeman, for services as Clerk in the Water Registrar's Office during month of May, 14 days, \$175; to Jas. Reid for services rendered as Clerk pro tem, of Board of Public Works, from April 13 to May 11, 1875, \$50; to Francis Bastine for services rendered as janitor and messenger to the Board of Public Works for month of May, 1875.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn in favor of the persons named in the pay-roll list of this department, for the amounts respectfully due said persons for services rendered as foremen and pipe layers, during the month of May, 1875, amounting in the aggregate to \$1,050.10, and that the City Clerk be requested to draw warrants in accordance with said pay-roll list filed at the date of the passage of this resolution.

Names.	No. of days.	Am t per day.	Total.
Jas. Carroll, foreman.	1 month		\$150 00
Michael Sullivan, lab.	25½	\$2 00	51 00
Peter Sullivan	22½	2 00	45 00
Christy Meoney	25	2 00	50 00
Patrick Carroll.	25	2 00	50 00
Peter Cain.	25½	2 00	51 00
Thomas Cain.	25½	1 75	44 63
Patrick Callaghan.	23½	1 75	41 13
James Tumulty.	25	2 00	52 00
Michael Williams.	9	1 75	15 75
Patrick Reilly.	26½	1 75	46 38
Thomas Reilly.	26½	1 75	46 38
Frank Caulfield.	1 month.		83 33
Hugh Slater, foreman.	1 month.		100 00
John Smith, laborer.	25	1 50	37 50
William Grady.	26	2 00	52 00
Barney Wade.	25	1 50	37 50
William Slater.	26	1 50	39 00
Philip Sheridan.	25	1 50	37 50
Thomas Moulds.	10	2 00	20 00

Total.....\$1,050 10

Be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The President being excused for the remainder of the evening, Mr. Brown was, on motion, elected President pro tem.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication received from Messrs. Muirhead and McGee and from the Corporation Counsel in reference to settlement with J. B. Cleveland for work on reservoir No. 3, be taken from the table.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communications be laid over until the next stated meeting.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 1, 1875, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 24, and of the adjourned meeting of June 25, were read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND APPLICATIONS.

The official bond of S. B. Dougherty, as Chief Engineer, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Linn & Babbitt, for taxed costs in certiorari suits, \$1,087 41. Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

Fourteen concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Four concurrent resolutions, providing for the payment of employees of the Board of Public Works, were read.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the resolutions be laid on the table for the present.

Resolved, That the following estimate of amounts required to defray the current expenses of the Board of Aldermen for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1875, be transmitted to the Board of Finance and Taxation for insertion in the tax levy for said year:

For support of out-door poor.....	\$25,000 00
For maintaining and repairing public bath.....	1,500 00
For removing and reconstructing public bath.....	3,000 00
For rent, furniture, gas, supplies and repairs of armories.....	5,000 00
For salaries of City Clerk, Marshal and Overseer of the Poor.....	5,000 00
For improvement, repair and care of public grounds and parks, including the painting of fences, fountains and settees, the purchase of tools for helpers, and payment of their salaries.....	4,000 00
For repairs to public building.....	2,000 00
For printing, stationery and supplies.....	7,000 00
For numbering of houses in Jersey City.....	1,000 00
For celebration of Fourth of July and decoration of soldiers graves.....	3,200 00
Total.....	\$50,700 00

From the Board of Fire Commissioners:

JERSEY CITY, June 23, 1875.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—At a regular meeting of this Board held Saturday evening, June 26, 1875, the annexed estimates of expenditures required for this Department for the ensuing fiscal year was decided upon as being necessary, and the Clerk directed to furnish a copy to your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,

JOHN T. DENMEAD, Clerk.

For salaries..... \$105,000 00

General Expenses.

For buildings apparatus and repairs.....	12,000 00
For printing and stationery.....	1,000 00
For horses, harness, feed, shoeing, &c.....	12,000 00
For supplies and new horse.....	12,000 00
For headquarter expenses.....	100 00
For telegraph, gas, coal and wood.....	7,000 00

Total..... \$44,100 00

Salaries..... \$105,000 00

General expenses..... 44,100 00

\$149,100 00

Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }

JERSEY CITY, July 1, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of the City Treasury, June 24 to 30, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Water account.	Sinking fund.
June 24, 1875.....	\$1084 43	\$3043 38	\$3803 38	\$491 78
June 25.....	1597 01	2419 83	3813 75	313 89
June 26.....	754 09	130 01	3718 37	4616 22
June 28.....	6515 23	125 48	4092 03	3224 28
June 29.....	10,597 61	4518 35	10,707 43	706 57
June 30.....	272 35	380,349 74	7115 02	1,171 40

\$20,90 72 \$392,170 27 \$33,054 97 \$10,524 14

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }

JERSEY CITY, July 1, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$39,165 76
Balance credit assessment account.....	257,173 43
Balance credit water account.....	9,126 21
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	20,696 91

Yours, very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions offered the following reports:

On the petition of Maria Kirkman to have tax sale cancelled, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Attorney. Report received and recommendation adopted.

On concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolutions be adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Extensions and Distributions be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing fifty (50) hydrants similar in size to those now in use by the Jersey City Water Works.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing one thousand lengths (1,000) of six-inch cast iron water pipe be and is hereby awarded to Stephen Parrish at the price named in his proposal, viz., \$41 95 per ton of 2,240 lbs., that being the lowest bid received; and that the Corporation Attorney be requested to have drawn and executed the proper contracts for the same be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation concur in the payment of the following claims passed by the Board of Public Works June 15, 1875, viz.:

Edward O'Donnell \$109 70, for hay and feed for the months of January, February, March and April, 1875; Daniel Davis \$207 88, for ten barrels lard oil and one barrel of castor oil; Warren Foundry and Machine Co. \$440 63, for sixty six-inch cast-iron water pipe; John W. Harrison \$29, for postage stamps for Water Registrar's office; John W. Harrison \$45 25, for postage stamps and rubber bands for Water Registrar; John W. Harrison \$7 10 for blank books and lead pencils for water department; John W. Harrison \$49, for postage stamp for Water Registrar.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported on the claims of J. W. Harrison, New York Times, Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, and

Hudson County German Publishing Company and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$356 30 be paid to J. W. Harrison for bonds, warrant book, etc.

Resolved, That the sum of \$50 be paid to the N. Y. Times for advertising.

Resolved, That the sum of \$174 be paid to Pangborn, Dunning & Dear for advertising.

Resolved, That the sum of \$86 be paid to Pangborn, Dunning & Dear for advertising.

Resolved, That the sum of \$10 80 be paid to the Hudson County German Publishing company, for advertising.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported adverse to paying the claim of Hugh McDermott, \$250, for printing minutes for the month of May, 1875.

The Committee on Finance reported approved the official bond of Samuel B. Dougherty, as Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Surveying of Jersey City, in the sum of \$25,000, with Henry O'Neill and Earl S. Martin as sureties.

On motion, the report was received, and the bond accepted and ordered filed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of said officer for twenty-five thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from assessment account to general account to repay balance of loan of April 29, 1875.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of said officer for twenty-five thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from assessment account to general account to repay loan of May 29, 1875.

Resolved, That the amount of bonds to be furnished by the Permit Clerk and Assistant to Water Registrar be fixed at (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted :

Moved, That the concurrent resolutions providing for the payment of employees of the Board of Public Works, be taken from the table.

By Mr. Brown, and adopted :

Moved, That they be referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, July 7, 1875, at 12 o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Brown, Fry, Ogden and Van Reipen.

Absent—President Van Der Beek.

In the absence of the President, the Clerk called the Board to order.

On motion, Mr. Brown was elected President pro tem.

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved. That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for \$50,000, to transfer said sum from Assessment Account to General Account as a loan.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Fry, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 8, 1875, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

By Mr. Ogden, and adopted:

Moved, That the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 1, and of the special meeting of July 7, 1875, be dispensed with, and that they be approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of C. Spengeman, to have refunded money paid at tax sale. Referred to Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Wm. Davison, \$75 for printing; John Kenard, \$54 50 for stationery, &c. referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, July 8, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of the City Treasury, July 1 to 7, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Water account.	Sinking fund.
July 1, 1875.	\$10704 42	\$159 90	\$19306 18	\$2035 00
July 2	770 05	229083 34	472 11	2024 36
July 3	1495 61	13476 13	4051 14	5738 32
July 6	8 9 75	648 74	1786 81	185 56
July 7	1392 78	727 40	2624 15	1821 86
	\$14,692 80	\$253,755 21	\$33,995 89	\$11,909 10

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer:

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business, July 8, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$26,208 16
Balance credit assessment account....	11,398 44
Balance credit water account.....	22,366 01
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	30,564 93

Yours, very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, July 7, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The taxed bills of costs of Messrs. Linn & Babbitt, in matter of assessment, referred by the Board at its last meeting, I have examined, and advise a reduction should be made from total amount of bills of \$30 24, the particulars of which deduction, with the reasons therefor, I have endorsed on the general statement and affidavit accompanying bills.

These costs, taxed by the Clerk of the court, appear to be correct, after making the deduction above stated.

The failure of the Legislature to pass an act before it relative to assessments in Jersey City, and to provide suitably for such assessments as have been made in accordance with certain legislative requirements, held illegal by the court, has left the municipality without adequate relief, subjected it to these costs, which, under the provisions of Section 67 of the charter, page 45, are made a charge on Jersey City.

Respectfully, &c.,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, June 30, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—By resolution of your Board, to wit.:

"Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel advise this Board as to the power of the Board of Aldermen to remit fines and penalties and to withdraw or divert from the sinking fund fines and penalties which the charter provides shall be appropriated to the sinking fund, under the control of the Sinking Fund Commissioners." I submit opinion as follows:

The Board of Aldermen, under the charter, have power to pass ordinances respecting the matters contained in section 24 of the city charter, and to prescribe penalties by fine or imprisonment, or both, for the violation of ordinances.

But the Board of Aldermen have no power to try a person charged with violating a city ordinance. That is made cognizable before a Police Justice, whose jurisdiction is acquired under section 110 of the charter, and before whom trial is had and penalties recovered for the violation of "ordinances" and "regulations" of the city. With but one exception, there is no discretion left the Police Justice, if the person charged with violation of ordinance is found guilty, but to impose the penalty prescribed.

The exception is "in case the person arrested for any offence shall be a minor, each of such Justices shall have the power in his discretion to inflict or commute, or wholly remit the penalty prescribed for the offence committed by said minor."

The power to remit fines and penalties once imposed by the Police Justice is nowhere reserved or given to the Board of Aldermen, or to any Board of the city government.

The penalty by fine or imprisonment is imposed only after trial and conviction. The determination of the Police Justice on the trial of a complaint for violation of ordinance, becomes a judgment.

It must be apparent that the Board of Aldermen cannot remit a penalty thus imposed by the Court, without an adjudication by the Board and for some real or fancied injustice or error in the proceedings. Such a proceeding on the part of the Board of Aldermen would constitute it a Board of Review, in other words a court of appeals or court of errors. No such power or jurisdiction is given to the Board. It will not be claimed that where the penalty is imprisonment, the Board has any powers of *habeas corpus* to discharge from imprisonment. Nor likewise has the Board power to remit fines. For if the Board could review and reverse for any cause the judgment in case of a fine, it could equally nullify the judgment of imprisonment and discharge the person committed.

That is not the mode of redress provided by the charter.

If the defendant feels himself aggrieved by the judgment of the Police Justice, he has his remedy by appeal to the Court of Common Pleas, or by certiorari to the higher courts, where errors both of fact and of law are received and corrected.

It is fortunate that appeals and writs of error cannot be taken from the Police Court to the Board of Aldermen for review and adjudication, as in the event of the Board becoming a special court it would doubtless be embarrassed with frequent appeals.

These fines imposed by the Justice he is required to collect and pay over to the City Treasurer, and by express provision of the city charter the said fines go into and become part of the sinking fund, which is under the control of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, and is to be used for the retirement of bonds and for redemption of city debt, over which fund the Board of Aldermen have no jurisdiction, and from which fund said Board can withdraw or direct nothing.

I therefore have the honor to advise, that the action of the Board of Aldermen, in remitting a fine imposed by the Police Justice, is in misapprehension of authority, and is not warranted by the charter. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

Ordered filed, and a copy sent to the Board of Aldermen.

From the Corporation Counsel :
CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, N. J., July 6, 1875. }
To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The report of the Assessor for Fourth District, (Jersey City), of property belonging to Morris and Essex Railroad Co., was filed in the office of Commissioner of Railroad Taxation, at Trenton, June 30th last.

The State Commissioner informs me the Railroad Company, by its representative, waived notice, and that the valuations, as reported by the assessor, were accepted.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

Ordered filed.

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions.

From the Board of Police Commissioners :
JERSEY CITY, N. J., July 3, 1875.
To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

The following estimate of the expenses of the various departments under the control of the Board of Police Commissioners, was adopted July 1, 1875, and ordered referred to your Board for confirmation :

Station Houses and Prisons.
For salaries of Commissioners and Department..... \$179,220 00
Fuel, stationery and repairs..... 3,000 00
Horse keep..... 1,260 00
Rent, board of prisoners and gas..... 9,000 00
Furniture, janitors and incidentals.. 1,500 00

Hospital and Dispensaries.
Supplies to Hospital, City Physicians, etc..... 35,000 00

Elections.
Elections, stationery, including special election..... 12,500 00

Police Justices.
Salaries and stationery..... 5,250 00

Lamps and Lights.
Lamps, gaslighting, etc..... 158,606 15

Special appropriation for night-soil scow..... \$405,336 15
..... 2,000 00

\$407,336 15

From the Board of Directors of Education:
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, }
JERSEY CITY, July 3, 1875. }
To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The annexed is a copy of a report presented by the Committee on Finance, and passed by the Board of Directors of Education at its meeting held on the 25th day of June, 1875.

JOHN ROWE, Clerk.

JERSEY CITY, June 28, 1875.
To the Honorable the Board of Directors of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that the several committees of your Board have asked for their use for the next fiscal year the various sums of money hereinafter given, viz.:

Teachers and Salaries..... \$210,000 00
Books, Stationery and Music..... 15,000 00
Printing and Blanks..... 5,000 00
Janitors' Supplies..... 3,000 00
Heating and Ventilating..... 18,000 00
Furniture and Repairs..... 15,000 00
Rentals..... 3,500 00
Census..... 2,200 00
High School..... 250 00
Normal School..... 100 00
Evening School..... 15,000 00
Free Library..... 1,000 00
Incidentals..... 250 00

Total..... \$288,300 00

Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions offered the following reports on concurrent resolutions, from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit :

Resolved, That \$250 10 be paid to Warner & Carscallen, for feed for Street and Sewer Department horses, from May 4 to 24, 1875; \$29 80 to John C. Lawrence, for repairing harness for Street and Sewer Department, from April 16 to June 3, 1875; \$93 33 to James Herberington, for hay and feed for Street and Sewer Department horses from May 1 to 24, 1875; \$132 to George Hech, for services as inspector on improvement of Franklin street, from April 12 to June 19, 1875, 44 days at \$3 per day; \$17 45 to P. Harrogan, for sharpening and repairing tools for Street Commissioner from April 1 to June 3, 1875; \$21 37 to J. S. Washburn, for shoeing Street Department horses, from April 12 to May 24, 1875; \$106 97 to John Anness, for rubber boots and tools for Street Department, from May 17 to June 12, 1875; \$121 80 to Adolph Luck, for removing sewer stuff from May 18th to 28th, 1875; \$70 to P. J. Condon, for 70 yards of sand at \$1 per yard; \$45 34 to Francis Riker for shoeing Street Department horses from April 3d to 28th, 1875; \$85 73 to Cooley & Lampman for repairing carts and wagons for Street Department from April 19th to May 13th, 1875; \$127 98 to Cooley & Lampman for repairs to carts and wagons for Street Department from May 14th to June 8th, 1875.

Resolved, That \$178 67 be paid to E. M. Pritchard for lumber for street repairs from April 2d to June 4th, 1875; \$36 to John Anness, for galvanized iron pipe, steel scoops, etc., for Belleville Works; \$14 98 to Hewes & Phillips, for planing and fitting strainer frames at Belleville Works; \$59 50 to O'Neill & McLaughlin, for use of horse, cart, and man for 17 days at Belleville; \$17 to O'Neill & McLaughlin, for time of mason and laborer repairing engine beds at Belleville; \$228 13 to Steele & Condict for six weights for No. 1 engine at Belleville; \$110 85 to Cook & Beggs for one bale cap waste and iron wheelbarrows for use at Belleville; \$125 to J. B. Oltman, for maintaining telegraph line for quarter ending June 10th, 1875; \$61 60 to J. B. Oltman, for materials and repairs to telegraph line from March 10th to June 10th, 1875; \$3 20 to Daniel Davis, for ten gallons of astral oil for Belleville Works; \$111 25 to James Coyle for 89 loads of sand furnished for repairing over water pipe, at \$1 25 per load, from May 10 to June 12, 1875; \$446 17 to Warren Foundry and Machine Company for 60 six-inch cast-iron water-pipes, 22,459 lbs., at \$44 50 per ton; \$35 55 to Keeney & Snow for spruce plank for pipe yard, December 11 to 23, 1874.

Resolved, That \$7 15 be paid to Stevens & McLain for three 4-inch bonnets and one follower for pipe yard; \$33 13 to Warner & Carscallen for hay and feed for pipe yard horses, May 18, 1875; \$10 to Rouse & Turner for two lots of clay, November 19, 1870, and April 11, 1871; \$77 33 to John Anness for padlocks, powder and cast-steel for pipe yard; \$13 05 to John Anness for charcoal, chain and other supplies to pipe yard; \$25 55 to Steel & Condict for repairing water metres, forging, &c.; \$11 35 to J. C. Lawrence for harness repairs during the month of May, 1875; \$2 50 to John Anness for repairing two chairs at office; \$5 25 to D. Steele for repairing chairs at office for the months of June and August, 1873, November, 1874, and February, 1875; \$60 to the Argus for advertising and printing manual during month of May; \$79 20 to the Hudson County German Publishing Association for advertising corporation notices from November 5, 1874, to May 29, 1875; \$263 76 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company for furnishing and laying iron and cement water pipe in Sackett street; \$350 76 to American

Water and Gas Pipe Company for furnishing and laying iron and cement water pipes in Clerk street; \$803 35 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company for furnishing and laying iron and cement water pipe in Palisade avenue.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn in favor of the persons named in the pay roll list of this department for the amounts respectively due said persons for services rendered as foremen and laborers cleaning and repairing streets and sewers in Jersey City for four (4) weeks ending June 29, 1875, amounting in the aggregate to \$4,823 23, and that the City Clerk be requested to draw warrants in accordance with said tax roll list, filed at the date of the passage of this resolution.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, this Board be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering at the Jersey City Water Works, at Belleville, N. J., 4,000 tons of anthracite and 400 tons of bituminous coal for use of the water works for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn in favor of the persons named in the pay-roll list of the department for the amounts respectively due said persons for services rendered as engineers, firemen, etc., at Belleville, for month ending June 30, 1875, amounting in the aggregate to \$1,529 61, and that the City Clerk be requested to draw warrants in accordance with said pay-roll list filed at the date of the passage of this resolution.

Resolved, That the sums hereinafter mentioned be paid to the parties named respectively for services rendered as laborers, paving over water pipe.

Names.	No. of days.	Am't per day.	Total
Edward Curtis, paver....	5	\$3 00	\$15 00
John Curtis, rammer.....	20%	2 00	21 50
John Kyan, laborer.....	20%	1 50	31 12
Michael Mulligan, paver. 17		3 00	51 00

\$138 62

Resolved, That the sums hereinafter mentioned be paid to the persons named respectively for services rendered cleaning and repairing meters, etc., for June, 1875.

Names.	No. of days.	Am't per day.	Total.
Th. Jones, tapper's man. 26		\$2 50	\$65 00
Thomas Mack, laborer. . 26		2 50	65 00
Patrick Caulfield, laborer. 1 mon.			83 33

\$213 33

Resolved, That warrants be drawn in favor of persons named in the pay-roll list of this department for the amounts respectively due said persons for services rendered as foremen, pipe layers and laborers in Jersey City for month ending June 30, 1875, amounting in the aggregate to \$1,079 59, and that the City Clerk be requested to draw warrants in accordance with said pay-roll list filed at the date of the passage of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery of the Board of Public Works, the Board of Finance and Taxation concurring therein, be and are hereby authorized to expend under the direction of the Board of Public Works during the next three months after the approval thereof by the Mayor, a sum of money not exceeding on the whole eight hundred and thirty dollars for printing and stationery.

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets and Sewers of the Board of Public Works, the Board of Finance and Taxation concurring therein, are hereby authorized to expend, under the direction of the Board of Public Works, during the next three months after the approval thereof by the Mayor, a sum of money not exceeding fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) for reconstruction of streets and sewers.

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets and Sewers, of the Board of Public Works, the Board of Finance and Taxation concurring herein, are hereby authorized to expend, under

the direction of the Board of Public Works, during the next three months after the approval thereof by the Mayor, a sum of money not exceeding, in the whole, twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars, for repairing and cleaning streets and sewers.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings of the Board of Public Works, the Board of Finance and Taxation concurring therein, be and are hereby authorized to expend, under the direction of the Board of Public Works, during the next three months after the approval thereof by the Mayor, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200), for repairs and supplies to public buildings.

Resolved, That the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs of the Board of Public Works, the Board of Finance concurring therein, be and are hereby authorized to expend, during the next three months after the approval thereof by his Honor the Mayor, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole ten thousand five hundred (\$10,500) dollars, for the support and maintenance of the Jersey City Water Works.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Extension and Distributions of the Board be and they are hereby authorized to employ such and so many pipe layers and laborers as said committee may require for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the City Charter and discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works dependent upon that committee not exceeding thereby twenty (20) at one time for laying and repairing water pipes at salaries in no one case to exceed one thousand dollars per annum.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments of the Board be and they are hereby authorized to employ such and so many assistants as said committee may require for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the City Charter and discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works depending on that committee not exceeding three at any one time, for cleaning and setting and repairing meters, at salaries in no one case to exceed one thousand dollars per annum.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works, the Board of Finance and Taxation concurring therein, be and are hereby authorized to expend, during the next three months, after the approval thereof by his Honor the Mayor, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole seven thousand dollars for salaries of Commissioners and Clerk to Board of Public Works and Bureau of Engineering and Surveying.

Resolved, That the Committee on Extensions and Distributions of this Board, the Board of Finance and Taxation concurring therein, be and are hereby authorized to expend, under the direction of the Board of Public Works, during the next three months, after the approval thereof by his Honor the Mayor, a sum of money, not exceeding in the whole nine thousand five hundred (\$9,500) dollars, for furnishing and laying water pipe, hydrants, pay-rolls and incidental expenses.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Streets and Sewers of this Board be and they are hereby authorized to employ such and so many foremen, pavers, rammers, drivers, laborers and sewer men as said committee may require for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the city charter and discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works, dependent on that committee, not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five (125) at any one time, for cleaning and repairing streets and sewers at salaries in no one case to exceed one thousand dollars per annum.

Be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the com-

tract for building outhouses for No. 6 School be and the same is hereby awarded to Patrick J. Condon, at the price named in his proposals, viz.: nineteen hundred and ninety-five dollars, that being the lowest bid received, be and is hereby not concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, because the said Board consider the sum mentioned in said contract (\$1,995) too great an expenditure for said work, and therefore they would recommend that the Board of Public Works have new and more economical plans and specifications prepared and readvertise for new proposals.

The President, calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. B. Cleveland for \$700, interest due on retained payment on contract for paving Grand street (January 3, 1875, to July 3, 1875), as per terms of contract, dated April 16, 1876, on file in the office of the City Comptroller.

By Mr. Fry :

Resolved, That hereafter no supplies or material shall be ordered for or furnished to any official or department of the city government under control of this Board, except upon the written requisition of said official or head of said department.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Board adjourned. CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 15, 1875, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—Messrs. Brown, Fry and Van Relpen. Absent—President Van Der Beek and Mr. Ogden.

In the absence of the President, the Clerk called the Board to order.

On motion, Mr. Brown was elected President pro tem.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The official bonds of Abner A. Coykendall, permit clerk and assistant to the Registrar of the Water Works, and Andrew D. Whyte, assistant to the City Collector, were received and referred to Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

John Kennard \$124 35, for printing, stationery, &c.; the Argus \$10 50, for advertising. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, July 15, 1875. }

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of the City Treasury, July 8 to 14, both days inclusive:

	General account	Assessment account	Water account	Sinking fund.
1875.				
July 8....	\$747 75	\$964 41	\$3,734 96	\$1 274 22
July 9....	11,271 80	875 23	1,612 56	184 36
July 10....	.....	.....	4,333 22	40 00
July 12....	1,368 74	724 06	2,253 74	1,416 47
July 13....	3,618 29	725 43	2,211 30	1,013 42
July 14....	2,094 54	8 60	2,512 27	520 76
	\$19,101 12	\$3,395 77	\$16,717 65	\$4,69 43

Very respectfully,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer:

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }
JERSEY CITY, July 15, 1875. }

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business, July 15, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$29,795 75
Balance credit assessment account....	186,224 03
Balance credit water account.....	33,370 58
Balance credit sinking fund account..	33,145 88

Yours, very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, July 12, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Among the list of assessments adjusted and made by the "Board to adjust unpaid assessments in Jersey City" is the assessment for the improvement of Montgomery street.

At the November term of court, 1874, application was made on behalf of prominent property owners affected by this assessment for certiorari to carry up the assessment. Court refused the writ.

A decision having been rendered by the Court of Errors and Appeals at the last March term concerning matters of assessment, on a case, however, not arising in Jersey City, but applicable to assessments everywhere, and which, it was claimed by counsel for prosecutors as to Montgomery street assessment, was fatal to this assessment, counsel for some dozen prosecutors affected by the assessment made application anew to the Supreme Court for certiorari to bring this assessment before the Court for review and to have it set aside. This motion was resisted by the counsel for the city, the ques-

tions and consequences involved being fully argued before the Court, and the Court, after careful consideration, has denied the writ and refused to disturb the assessment.

This decision of the Court is of exceeding great importance to Jersey City and to the interest of the tax payers at large in Jersey City. Had the writs been allowed in this case, for the same reason the Court could not have consistently refused writs in each instance of "adjusted assessments."

Assessments to the amount of two millions three hundred thousand dollars and upwards, as adjusted, were made and confirmed by the Board to adjust unpaid assessments in Jersey City. These assessments are made a lien on the property benefited on which they are assessed, and the public is relieved of the burden of paying this vast amount of money by general tax, as the case would be if the Court had or should set aside these assessments.

After the ineffectual attempts to open the question anew and bring this whole matter or adjusted assessments before the Court, and the repeated refusal of the Court to disturb these particular assessments or to allow writs of certiorari to review them, I think you may consider these adjusted assessments a fixed fact, a valid lien on the property assessed, sanctioned by the Court, and with which the Court will not interfere. It is to be hoped that the persons assessed will now pay their assessments.

Respectfully, &c.,

WILLIAM A. LEWIS,

Corporation Counsel.

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, July 14, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In the case of Kingsland, County Collector, prosecutor against the Board of Finance and Taxation and Love, City Collector, defendants, on application for mandamus to compel payment by city of State and County tax out of first moneys collected by City Collector, argued at the June Term last, the Supreme Court has refused the mandamus. The Court holds that the general law is repealed by the Jersey City Charter, wherein the requirements of the charter are repugnant to the provisions of the general statute. So it results that neither the City Collector nor this Board is required to pay the State and County tax out of city taxes when collected. It is sufficient to pay the State and County taxes as the taxes levied for that purpose are collected.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

From the Corporation Attorney:

JERSEY CITY, June 15, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I take pleasure in informing you that the Supreme Court has overruled the demurrers filed by four of the defendants in the suits against them as bondmen for Alexander D. Hamilton, late City Treasurer; and that the same court has refused to grant a writ of mandamus on the relation of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, to compel the payment by the city of the remainder of the County and State tax due from Jersey City. In the matter of the application for injunction to restrain the building of the Washington street bridge, the argument of the rule to show cause, was had before the Chancellor on Thursday last, occupying the entire day. The city was represented by Mr. Lewis and myself, the contractor by Hon. B. Williamson, ex-Chancellor, and the Sugar House by Messrs. Gilchrist & McGill. An early decision is looked for in this case.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM P. DOUGLASS,

Corporation Attorney.

Received and ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$87 41 be paid to George Birrell, for cobble paving stone for street repairs; \$190 to L. DeWitt, Brother & Co., for wire cloth and brass wire for Belleville Works; \$7 50 to P. J. Condon, for six pile heads; \$33 90 to John W. Harrison, for stationery and printing 500 permit cards for Water Department.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs of this Board be and they are hereby authorized to employ such and so many assistants and laborers, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the city charter and discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works dependant on that committee, not exceeding twenty six (26) at any one time, at the Jersey City Water Works, at Belleville, at Reservoir No. 2 and High Service Works, as assistants, engineers, firemen, oilers, coal passers, riggers, teamsters, machinists, high service engineers, reservoir keeper, telegraph operator at bridge, at salaries in no one case to exceed one thousand dollars per annum, except for engineer in charge of Belleville Works, whose salary shall not exceed two thousand dollars per annum.

Resolved, That the committee on Water Rates

and Assessments of the Board of Public Works, the Board of Finance and Taxation concurring herein, be and are hereby authorized to expend during the next three months, after the approval hereof by is Honor the Mayor, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole forty-six hundred and thirty dollars—be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,057 17 be paid to Linn & Babbitt for taxed costs in twenty-nine certiorari suits against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Resolved, That the sum of \$13 80 be paid to John A. Nugent for stenographer's copy of case, Riker vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Fry, the Board adjourned.
CORNELIUS S. SEB, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 22, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.
Present—Messrs. Brown, Fry and Van Reipen.
Absent—President Van Der Beek and Mr. Ogden.

In the absence of the President, the Clerk called the meeting to order.

On motion, Mr. Brown was appointed President pro tem.

By Mr. Van Reipen, and adopted:

Moved, That the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with, and that they be approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Margaret Tappen and Mary L. Coster, to have refunded amounts paid in error for water rents. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

Mr. William Muirheid presented to the Board a certified copy of a rule from the Supreme Court, to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not issue commanding the Board of Finance and Taxation to concur in a resolution from the Board of Public Works, submitting to arbitration the question of what compensation, if any, is due to J. B. Cleveland, for work done on Reservoir No. 3.

On motion, the copy of the rule was ordered received and filed, and the clerk directed to acknowledge service of the same.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Hugh McDermott, \$264 10 for publishing minutes and advertising. Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Charles Scott, \$15 50 for carpenter work; Jersey City Crucible Works for return of \$12 92, paid through error. Referred to Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts of the City Treasury to date:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Water account.	Sinking fund.
July 15, 1875.	\$1030 29	\$1103 60	\$219 03	\$1874 59
July 16	1465 03	1263 47	2038 74	7 6 92
July 17	343 00	45 96	970 91	128 09
July 19	1868 14	754 48	670 37	733 07
July 20	836 79	4 9 23	1455 96	306 19
July 21	1408 75	4800 00	876 43	159 25

From the City Treasurer reporting the following balances in Hudson County National Bank, at close of business, July 22, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$32,884 06
Balance credit assessment account....	156,596 82
Balance credit water account.....	39,423 42
Balance credit sinking fund account..	36,003 25

Ordered filed.

From the Board of Public Works:

CLERK'S OFFICE, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, {
JERSEY CITY, July 20, 1875. }
To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—In accordance with a resolution passed by the Board of Public Works, July 20th, 1875, I would respectfully notify you of the appointment by the Chief Engineer and confirmation by this Board of one surveyor, two draughtsmen, one assessment clerk, two rodmen, two chainmen, two axemen and one clerk, as assistants in the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Surveying, with reference to the fixing of such bonds for the faithful discharge of the duties of said assistants as the Board of Finance and Taxation may require.

Very respectfully,

JAMES REID, Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.
Five concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the official bond of Andrew D. Whyte, assistant to the City Collector, in the sum of \$25,000, with William C. Whyte and James Whyte as sureties; Abner A. Coykendall, Permit Clerk, and also assistant to the Registrar of the Water Works, in the sum of \$ 0,000, with Nelson H. Coykendall and William Howeth as sureties.

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Moved, That the report be received and the bonds accepted and ordered on file.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$83 33 be paid to Daniel Kilborn, for services rendered as foreman on streets during the month of June, 1875; \$100 to Abner A. Coykendall, for services as Permit Clerk and assistant to Registrar during May, 1875; \$80 to Charles Freeman, for services as Bill Clerk in Water Department during June, 1875, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$10 50 be paid to the Argus for advertising.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That when we adjourn it be to meet on Saturday, July 24, at 9 o'clock a. m.

On motion of Mr. Van Reipen, the Board adjourned. CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Saturday, July 24, 1875, at 9 o'clock p. m.

Present — Messrs. Brown, Fry and Van Reipen.

Absent—President Van Der Beek and Mr. Ogden.

In the absence of the President the Clerk called the meeting to order.

On motion Mr. Brown was elected President pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Fry, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 23, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Brown, Fry and Van Reipen.

Absent—President Van Der Beek and Mr. Ogden.

In the absence of the President, the Clerk called the Board to order.

On motion, Mr. Brown was elected President pro tem.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and the adjourned meeting of July 24, 1875, were read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

John W. Parker \$13 05, for oil cloth; Jersey City Gaslight Company \$288 25. Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts of the City Treasury to date:

	General Account.	Assessm't Account.	Water Account.	Sinking Fund.
July 22, 1875.....	\$162 33	\$5 32	\$1,584 85	\$351 93
July 23.....	318 72	1,635 67	53' 55	418 99
July 24.....	1,420 89	2 889 39	397 00	1,099 95
July 25.....	679 24	2 026 53	90 00	759 71
July 27.....	442 40	319 60	.....	146 82
July 28.....	41 63	97 61	391 33	.....
	\$3 495 45	\$7 074 12	\$2,994 73	\$2,777 40

From the City Treasurer, reporting the following balances to the credit of the city in the Hudson County National Bank:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$34,102 95
Balance credit assessment account.....	145,265 12
Balance credit water account.....	40,820 55
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	39,653 92

Ordered filed.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners:

JERSEY CITY, July 29, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation

Gentlemen—At a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held July 28, 1875, the annexed preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted.

Respectfully,

JOHN T. DENMEAD, Clerk.

Whereas, This Board has heard of a rumor to the effect that the Board of Finance and Taxation have determined to limit the appropriation for the ensuing fiscal year to \$125,000, as against \$149,000 asked for by this Board; and

Whereas, This Board in fixing the amount required for the fiscal year named, were solely actuated by a desire to have such amount only as was in our opinion necessary for the purpose of maintaining the department in its present efficient state; and

Whereas, One hundred and five thousand dollars of the amount asked for is necessary for the comparatively small salaries paid by this Board, leaving, providing the full amount is allowed us, but \$44,000 for the purposes of feeding, shoeing and re-placing fifty odd horses, repairing twenty-four buildings and thirty-five apparatuses, and the telegraph department, consisting of thirty-five miles of wire, fifty signal boxes, seventeen gongs, four bell striking apparatuses and two hundred and twenty cups of battery, some part of which is constantly in need of repair, the care and repair of twenty thousand feet of hose and upwards of thirty sets of harness; also the necessary company supplies required for keeping houses and apparatuses in proper condition, including gas, coal and wood, nearly all property of a nature that is liable to be destroyed partially or wholly in a single day; and

Whereas, The nature of the Department and the services required of it is such as to require that a sum sufficient to meet all and every contingency is absolutely requisite; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby most respectfully informed that the Board of Fire Commissioners would not pretend to undertake

to maintain the Department under their charge in its present efficient state for the amount named, as it would be a matter of utter impossibility so to do; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby instructed to furnish the said Board of Finance and Taxation with a copy of these resolutions.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

Three concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions offered the following report:

On the petition of Robert P. Percy, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Robert P. Percy for \$22 50, to refund amount erroneously paid by him for water rents on lot 32, in block 231, as per certificate of Water Registrar, dated May 26, 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

On estimates of the amounts required by the different Boards of the city government, for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 1875, as follows:

Hon Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Taxes and Assessments, after considering the estimates and recommendations of the several Boards of the city government, respectfully recommend that the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present current year, for the various purposes herein-after mentioned, for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1875, and ending November 30, 1876, be fixed at one million, one hundred and fourteen thousand and fifty-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$1,114,056 25), as the appropriation and limit of expenditure for said purposes, by the respective Boards (except whereby the charter otherwise provides), after adding thereto the money to be paid to Jersey City by the State for school purposes, and such appropriation your committee recommends distributed among the several Boards in the following manner, as the limit of expenditure of said Boards for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, viz:

Appropriation Board of Public Works for year from December 1, 1875, to December 1, 1876:

Streets and sewers, repairing and cleaning.....	\$65,000
Streets and sewers, reconstruction.....	8,000
Salaries and office expenses.....	20,000
Public grounds and buildings.....	3,500
Printing and stationery.....	2,500

Total.....\$104,000

Appropriation Board of Aldermen for year from December 1, 1875, to December 1, 1876:

Support of out-door poor.....	\$12,000
Printing, stationery and supplies.....	5,000
Rent of armories and supplies.....	4,000
Salaries of city clerk, marshal and overseer of the poor.....	5,000
Repairs of public buildings.....	250
Improvement repair of public grounds.....	2,500
Public bath.....	1,000
Celebration of 4th of July.....	3,000
Decoration Day.....	200
Numbering houses.....	1,000

Total.....\$33,450

Appropriation Board of Police Commissioners for year from December 1, 1875, to December 1, 1876:

Salaries.....	\$176,820
Rent, board of prisoners, gas, etc.....	8,000
Hospital and dispensaries.....	
Supplies to hospital and medicines to poor.....	20,000
Furniture, janitor and incidentals.....	1,200
Lamps and lights.....	150,000
Horsekeeping.....	1,200

Police Justices.....	5,250
Fuel, repairs and stationery.....	3,000
<i>Elections.</i>	
Salaries to Judges and Clerks of Election and Registry, rent of room, stationery, etc.....	12,500

\$573,030

Appropriation Board of Fire Commissioners for year from December 1, 1875, to December 1, 1876:

Salaries.....	\$100,000
Purchase of materials, horse keep, etc..	25,000

\$125,000

Appropriation Board of Education for year from December 1, 1875, to December 1, 1876:

Salaries.....	\$189,000 00
Books, and stationery and music...	8,000 00
Repairs, alterations, and furniture..	10,000 00
Rentals.....	3,000 00
Printing and blanks.....	3,000 00
Free library.....	1,000 00
Janitors' supplies.....	2,000 00
Heating and ventilating.....	12,000 00
Census.....	1,800 00
High School.....	250 00
Normal School.....	100 00
Evening schools.....	5,000 00

Total.....\$235,150 00

Appropriations Board of Finance and Taxation for year from December 1, 1875, to December 1, 1876:

Interest on bonds.....	\$304,417 61
Salaries, including newspapers for publishing minutes.....	55,000 00
Printing and stationery.....	8,000 00
Supplies, coal, wood, gas, etc.....	3,000 00
Costs in certiorari cases.....	3,357 17
Expenses of Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments.....	20,829 45

Total.....\$394,604 23

Recapitulation.

Board of Public Works.....	\$104,000 00
Board of Aldermen.....	33,450 00
Board of Police Commissioners.....	378,030 00
Board of Fire Commissioners.....	15,000 00
Board of Education.....	235,150 00
Board of Finance and Taxation.....	394,604 23

\$1,270,234 23

Less city portion of State School Fund.....	156,177 98
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Total required.....\$1,114,056 25

By Mr. Fry:

Moved, that the report and recommendations of the Committee on Taxes and Assessments of this Board, as to the appropriation for the several Boards, and the amounts proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City, during the current year, for the purposes of the several Boards of the city government, for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 1875, now submitted, be and the same are hereby received and adopted; and in conformity therewith the Board of Finance and Taxation having duly considered the estimates and recommendations of the several Boards, does hereby fix the amount to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present current year for the purposes of the said Boards for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1875, and ending November 30, 1876, both days inclusive, at the sum of \$1,114,056 25, and that said sum, with the amount to be paid by the State to Jersey City for schools, is hereby distributed among the several Boards in the amounts as recommended by the Committee of this Board, and the amounts thus fixed shall be the appropriations and limit of expenditure for the said purposes during said fiscal year (except where by the charter otherwise provided), as follows, to wit:

Appropriated to the Board of Public Works.....	\$104,000 00
Appropriated to the Board of Aldermen.....	33,450 00
Appropriated to the Board of Police Commissioners.....	378,030 00

Appropriated to the Board of Fire Commissioners.....	125,000 00
Appropriated to the Board of Education, including amount to be paid by the State.....	235,150 00
Appropriated to the Board of Finance and Taxation.....	394,604 23

Appropriations total.....	1,270,234 23
Less amount to be received from the State for schools.....	156,177 98

Total to be raised by tax.....\$1,114,056 25

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received, and the motion adopted unanimously.

On concurrent resolutions, from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, The following preambles and resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to-wit:

Whereas, It is the judgment of this Board that the present condition of Varick street is such as to demand its immediate reconstruction; and

Whereas, Said street has, in certain places, sunken below the grade, and will require to be filled in.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Board of Public Works be and are hereby authorized to advertise and purchase the necessary materials for filling in said street up to the established grade, and pave the same with Belgian block.

Whereas, Summit avenue, from the Five Corners to St. Paul's avenue, is in a bad condition; and

Whereas, The property owners on said street have petitioned to have the same reconstructed; therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to reconstruct said street at once, and to purchase the materials necessary to complete the same, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending that the claim of H. D. Betts for making surveys and calculations for township map in 1872 for late township of Greenville, be referred to the Corporation Attorney to examine and report to this Board on the validity of such claim, by what authority the work charged was done, and whether the claim is a debt lawfully due from Jersey City.

The same committee reported, recommending that the Clerk of the Board communicate with the Jersey City Crucible Works, suggesting that they present petition to the Board, setting out with particularity the claim they make, so as to enable this Board to act intelligently and appropriately.

On motion, the reports were received and the recommendation adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$75 be paid to Wm. Davidson, for printing, &c.

Resolved, That the sum of \$124 35 be paid to John Kennard for printing, stationery, &c.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer, for the following amount, to be placed to the credit of August interest account: General account, \$892 50.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for \$75,000, to transfer said sum from assessment ac-

count to general account as a loan.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be instructed to bring suit on the official bond of the late Wharfinger, Brunsen Van Keuren, to make good the deficiencies appearing in his account as Wharfinger.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for payment of salaries for month of July, A. D. 1875, when due, viz.:

Henry Traphagen, Mayor.....	\$ 166 66
James H. Love, City Collector.....	250 00
E. A. Carman, City Comptroller.....	250 00
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer.....	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel....	416 66
Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney	291 66
Cornelius S. See, Clerk Board F. and T	100 00
Wm. Stephens, Clerk to Comptroller....	150 00
Fred. Boyes, Accountant.....	62 50
Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer.....	100 00
A. D. White, Assistant to Collector.....	125 00
James T. Grady, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
S. D. Dickinson, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
John Creech, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
D. T. Jeffrey, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Edw. S. Pigott, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Walter Kissam, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
James Browning, Messenger.....	50 00
Jacob Emory, tax and assessment bill	
distributor, 27 days, at \$3.....	81 00
Thomas K. Halstead, Clerk in City	

Clerk's office.....	100 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office..	83 33
A. L. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office..	66 66
Wm. B. Shafer, Assessor First District...	125 00
George Beck, Assessor Second District..	125 00
John H. Ward, Assessor Third District..	125 00
J. M. Van Tassel, Assessor Fourth Dis-	
trict.....	125 00
Jacob Perrine, Assessor Fifth District..	125 00
A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth Dis-	
trict.....	125 00
Evening Journal, printing minutes..	250 00
The Argus, printing minutes.....	250 00
Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City	
Hall.....	36 00
Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City	
Hall.....	36 00
And for payment of salaries due the members	
of the Board of Finance and Taxation for	
three months.	
I. J. Van Der Beek.....	\$125 00
T. C. Brown.....	125 00
A. W. Fry.....	125 00
James L. Ogden.....	125 00
G. D. Van Reipen.....	125 00
The President calling for the ayes and nays	
on each of the above resolutions, they were	
adopted unanimously.	
On motion of Mr. Fry, the Board ad-	
journd.	
CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.	

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, August 5, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—Mr. Fry.

Absent—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Van Reipen.

A quorum not being present, the Clerk adjourned the Board.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, August 12, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.
Absent—All the members.

A quorum not being present, the Clerk adjourned the Board.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, August 19, 1875, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Fry and Van Reipen.

Absent—Messrs. Brown and Ogden.

On motion of Mr. Van Reipen, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings of July 29, August 5 and 12, and of the adjourned meeting of July 31, was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Nicholas Keller and Jersey City Crucible Works, to have refunded money paid through error. Wm. Bumsred, to have assessment for taxes cancelled, and Charles I Hart, to have refunded difference in redemption and purchase money for taxes of 1870. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, for printing and advertising, \$5 25 and \$65 50; William C. Bryant & Co., for advertising, \$63; William Davison, printing annual reports of city government, \$1,516 70; Hugh F. McDermott, for publishing minutes, \$250, and for advertising, \$47 30. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

J. B. Cleveland, Register of Hudson County, for abstracts of deeds of the Morris and Essex Railroad Company, \$13 80; Earl & Brown, for chairs, \$7 50. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, showing receipts to city treasury from August 12 to 18, 1875, as follows:

	General Account.	Assessm't Account.	Sinking Fund.	Water Account.
Aug. 12, '75.	\$3,993 54	\$210 69	\$465 24	\$291 45
Aug. 13,	1,142 46	200 23	1,082 85	.....
Aug. 14,	1,115 03	1,876 65	120 22	67 89
Aug. 16,	1,294 61	1,098 13	51 50	4,716 65
Aug. 17,	836 62	555 54	74 28	9 01
Aug. 18,	189 62	143 71	.....	.....
	\$8,532 93	\$4,757 54	\$2,251 09	\$4,999 00

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city, August 19, 1875: Balance credit tax account..... \$25 076 79
Balance credit assessment account.. 90,502 98
Balance credit water account..... 43,865 51
Balance credit sinking fund account 39,977 21

Seven concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

From the Corporation Attorney in reference to the claim of William Brinkerheff and H. D. Betts, referred to the Committee on salaries and claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$8 51 be paid to J. E. Carpenter for oil, files and white lead to pipe yard; \$3 to John Anness for emory cloth and files for Jersey City pipe yard; \$10 20 to Edwin Moore for labor and materials furnished at City Wharfinger's office and Ames spike works (setting

meter); \$5 to Beekman Van Beuren for repairing city pump on Academy street; \$10 to H. F. Schroder for repairing, regulating and warranting clock for one year.

Resolved, That \$35 90 be paid to J. F. Fielder for work done and materials furnished, corner of Church street and Water avenue; \$104 85 to Patrick Hughes for repairs to Street Department cars, from May 22 to June 18, 1875; \$38 09 to James Hetherington for hay and feed for Street Department horses, from June 3 to June 24; \$1 60 to Robert Muirheid for one blue-stone flag, and cartage of same; \$16 to Patrick Pryor for 1,600 Belgian blocks for street repairs; \$2 to Robt. Muirheid, for one stone cover for receiving basin corner Grove street and Railroad avenue; \$26 98 to John Anness for spikes, shovels, rope and twine for street and sewer department from June 14 to 23, 1875; \$7 50 to J. E. Carpenter, for two kegs white lead and paint brushes; \$153 63 to N. O. Parks & Co., for two barrels kerosene oil and two barrels of tallow; \$499 70 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company, for furnishing and laying water pipe on Sherman avenue, from Franklin to Hutton streets; \$47 63 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company, for furnishing and laying water pipe on Britton street, between Calhoun avenue and Montgomery street; \$438 29 to Warren Foundry Company, for sixty 6-inch cast iron water pipe; \$230 43 to Steele & Condict, for frames and covers for gates; \$51 80 to John Anness, for nails, packing and pump valves for Jersey City pipe yard from June 12 to 15, 1875, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing 400 tons of bituminous coal be and the same is hereby awarded to Harrison Miller, at the price named in his proposal, viz: Five dollar, and thirty-nine cents (\$5 39) per ton of 2,240 pounds, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby requested to have drawn and executed the proper contracts for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for carting and trimming coal at the Belleville Works, be and is hereby awarded to Edward O'Donnell, at the price named in his proposal, viz: twenty (20) cents per ton, of 2,240 lbs., that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be request 1 to have drawn and executed the proper contracts for the same be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported correct the claim of John Kennard, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$54 50 be paid to John Kennard for stationery.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, August 26, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Fry and Van Keipen.

Absent—Messrs. Brown and Ogden.

On motion of Mr. Fry the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with until the next meeting.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

Three concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

From his Honor the Mayor, enclosing copy of injunction. Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

From the City Comptroller, showing the following receipts of the City Treasury, from August 19 to August 25, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Water account.	Sinking fund.
AUG. 19, 1875.	\$51 36	.....	\$175 00	\$139 24
AUG. 20	541 40	261 32	227 03	103 01
AUG. 21	456 95	19 79	235 25	85 80
AUG. 23	#7 #2	[1160 71	1,143 62	185 01
AUG. 24	648 57	213 19	197 25	261 94
AUG. 25	567 44	.....	120 01	49 93
	\$2,333 14	\$55 01	\$2,099 20	\$,084 95

From the City Treasurer showing the following balances in Hudson County National Bank, to the credit of the city, at close of business, Aug. 26, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$23,892 49
Balance credit assessment account.....	89,412 02
Balance credit water account.....	50,354 14
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	41,138 80

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE.
JERSEY CITY, AUGUST 20, 1875 }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In the matter of injunction heretofore obtained by the M. & W. Sugar Refining Company, restraining city from building Washington street bridge, I have the pleasure of communicating receipt of a telegram this day from the clerk in Chancery, announcing to wit:

"Matthiessen against the city; injunction dissolved with costs."

The Chancellor, I learn, has filed an opinion in this case, and as soon as a copy can be procured from Trenton, the Corporation Attorney will furnish the Board with a copy of the Chancellor's opinion, for fuller information.

The work should now proceed on this much needed public improvement.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

From the Corporation Attorney:

JERSEY CITY, AUGUST 26, 1875.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—In the case of the F. O. Matthiessen & Wiechers Sugar Refining Company against Jersey City, in which an injunction was sought, to restrain the building of the bridge now in contemplation in continuation of Washington street, the Chancellor has refused the injunction, and dissolved the temporary injunction allowed on the granting of the order to show cause. I annex to this communication a printed copy of the Chancellor's opinion.

I desire to congratulate you on the successful result so far, of this important litigation.

Respectfully,

WM. P. DOUGLASS, Corporation Attorney.
Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following preambles and resolutions, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Whereas, The Chief Engineer has reported to this Board that, in order to furnish a good and sufficient supply of water to that portion of the

city lying between Grand and Palisade avenues on the east and west, Manhattan and Graham avenues on the north and south, it will be necessary to lay a larger main than is at present provided; and

Whereas, There is at present no water-pipe laid in Central avenue, between the above last-mentioned streets; therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Extensions and Distributions of this Board be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and laying about 3,600 feet of sixteen-inch water-pipe in Central avenue, between Manhattan and Graham avenues, according to specifications to be furnished by the Chief Engineer of this Board.

Whereas, Numerous complaints have been made to this Board of the insufficient supply of water in that portion of the city formerly known as Hudson City, bounded south by the Pennsylvania Railroad, west by Summit avenue, east by Palisade avenue, and running as far north as the pipes extend, and the matter having been referred to the Chief Engineer, he has reported to this Board that in order to obtain the desired force of water it will be necessary to purchase a pump, of suitable capacity, to be erected at the High Service Works, such pump and necessary appliances to cost about \$3,000; and

Whereas, The owners of lands fronting on the line of water pipe in the district complained of are unable to get a full supply of water beyond the lower stories of their dwellings, but are assessed full water rents, and by reason whereof much dissatisfaction is expressed, and in many cases of objection are made to payments of water rents; therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs be and they are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing a suitable pump with boilers, engines and all necessary appurtenances, to be delivered at the High Service Works, under the direction of the Chief Engineer of this Board and according to plans and specifications to be furnished by him, cost not to exceed \$3,000.

Whereas, In consequence of the late fire the city dock at foot of Morgan street has been damaged, and previous to said fire it was absolutely necessary that a portion of the same should be sheathed; therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Railroads, Wharves, Piers and Bridges of this Board be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for sheathing and repairing said dock at a cost not exceeding twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.)

Resolved, That \$57 23 be paid to Patrick J. Condon for percentage retained on contract No. 208 for reconstruction of sewer in Erie street.

Resolved, That \$45 52 be paid to Francis Riker for shoeing Street Department horses during month of May, 1875; \$42 to John Anness, for repairing pump, brooms, forks, pails, etc.; \$40 10 to Francis Riker, for shoeing Street Department horses during month of June, 1875; \$100 75 to Cook & Beggs, for twist drills and lace leathers for Belleville Works; \$240 12 to John Anness, for shovels, lead and supplies to Pipe Yard; \$80 to Charles Freeman, for services as Bill Clerk in Water Department during month of July, 1875; \$4 95 to Hewes & Phillips, for three 3/4-inch angle valves; \$86 to Hudson Insurance Company, for premium on policy of insurance on School Building No. 7.

Resolved, That \$26 97 be paid to J. S. Washburn, for shoeing Street Department horses from June 2 to July 26, 1875; \$6 to Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, for printing 500 bill heads; \$16 67 to E. M. Pritchard, for lumber for street repairs; \$3 95 to David T. Bumsted, for labor and materials for repairing culvert pipe corner of Monticello avenue and Emory street; \$200 50 to Mr. Merns, Superintendent, for six Ayres'

hydrants and cartage; \$3 35 to Edwin Moore, for labor and materials for setting metre at Long Dock; \$26 20 to Charles Scott, for carpenter work at Registrar's office, Board of Public Works; \$187 10 to Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, for printing and advertising corporation notices from April 28 to July 10, 1875; \$48 to The Argus, printing and advertising from July 20 to 30, 1875, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$288 28 be paid to the Jersey City Gas Light Company, for gas furnished to the City Hall for the months of April, May and June, 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported adverse to paying the claim of H. D. Belts for the reasons set forth in the opinion of the Corporation Attorney presented at the last meeting. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported adverse to paying the claim of H. F. McDermott for printing minutes for the month of July, 1875. The report was received and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer in the following amounts to transfer said sums to interest account of September, 1875:

On general account..... \$5,731 50
On assessment account..... 1,592 50
On water account..... 17,500 00

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for fifty thousand dollars to transfer said sum from assessment account to general account as a temporary loan.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for payment of salaries for month of August, 1875, when due, viz.:

Henry Traphagen, Mayor.....	\$ 166 66
James H. Love, City Collector.....	250 00
E. A. Carman, City Comptroller.....	250 00
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer.....	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel....	416 66
Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney	291 66
Cornelius S. See, Clerk Board F. and T	100 00
Wm. Stephens, Clerk to Comptroller....	150 00
Fred. Boyes, Accountant.....	62 50
Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer.....	100 00
A. D. White, Assistant to Collector....	125 00
James T. Grady, Clerk to Collector....	80 00
S. D. Dickinson, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
John Creech, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
D. T. Jeffrey, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Edw. S. Pigott, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Wm. J. Nassam, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
James Downing, Messenger.....	50 00
Jacob Mori, tax and assessment bill distributor, 26 days, at \$3.....	78 00
Thomas K. Halstead, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	100 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office.	83 33
A. L. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office..	66 66
Wm. B. Shafer, Assessor First District..	125 00
George Beck, Assessor Second District..	125 00
John H. Ward, Assessor Third District.	125 00
J. M. Van Tassel, Assessor Fourth District.....	125 00
Jacob Perrine, Assessor Fifth District..	125 00
A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth District.....	125 00
Evening Journal, printing minutes....	250 00
The Argus, printing minutes.....	250 00
Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00
Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned,

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, September 2, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Van Reipen and Fry.

Absent—Mr. Ogden.

On motion of Mr. Van Reipen, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of August 19 and 26 was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Aaron H. Wellington, for apportionment of taxes, and Mary Whalen, to have refunded to her amount paid through error for taxes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

Four concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasurer August 26 to September 1, both days inclusive:

	General Account.	Assessm't Account.	Sinking Fund.	Water Account.
Aug. 26, '75..	\$288 39	\$1,160 03	\$121 85	\$4,587 91
Aug. 27.....	219 34	150 57	758 84	743 63
Aug. 28.....	.....	.....	235 82	733 38
Aug. 30.....	1,128 68	1,893 27	349 55	631 16
Aug. 31.....	141 58	12 49	226 97	2,145 55
Sep. 1.....	418 32	300 55	976 87	7,547 04

\$2,196 06 \$3,516 91 \$2,669 90 \$16,393 47

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city, at the close of business September 2, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$64,903 68
Balance credit assessment account..	39,318 68
Balance credit water account.....	45,857 46
Balance credit sinking fund account	44,210 40

Ordered filed.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery and the Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$63 be paid to William C. Bryant & Co., for advertising.

Resolved, That the sum of \$7 50 be paid to Earle & Brown, for chairs for Comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the sum of \$13 80 be paid to J. B. Cleveland, for abstracts of deeds to Morris and Essex Railroad Company.

Resolved, That the sum of \$13 05 be paid to John W. Parker, for oil cloth for Treasurer's and Comptroller's offices.

Resolved, That the sum of \$127 71 be paid to William Brinkerhoff, for taxed costs in three certiorari suits.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to draw, and his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign, a bond in favor of the "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund," in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, dated September 6, 1875, and payable on demand, and that the proceeds of the sale of said bond to the "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund" be deposited to the credit of the General Account, as a temporary loan.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for one hundred and eighteen dollars and fifteen cents, to transfer said sum from Water Account to General Account, amount paid for advertising as per bills annexed.

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Whereas, Upon a careful examination there is every reason to believe that the tunnel of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Rail Road Company is being constructed under a portion of the "Old Reservoir," on the Heights; therefore

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate with the "Board of Public Works," and request them to furnish him with a detailed statement of lands taken by the said company, and the price, if any, that the said company have agreed to pay for the same.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Fry, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Jersey City, Thursday, September 9, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Fry and Van Reipen.

Absent—Messrs. Brown and Ogden.

On motion of Mr. Van Reipen the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Hugh F. McDermott \$250, for publishing minutes for the month of August, 1875. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Collector, enclosing copy of writ of error from the U. S. Supreme Court in the case of the Morris & Essex Railroad Company vs. James S. Yard, Commissioner of Railroad Taxation, of the State of New Jersey. Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, Sept. 9, 1875.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I herein report the following receipts of the City Treasury, Sept. 2 to 8, both days inclusive:

	General Account.	Assessmt Account.	Sinking Fund.	Water Account.
Sept. 2, '75...	\$1,083 27	\$108 28	\$323 85	\$1,197 56
Sept. 3.....	277 13	.....	6,078 97	3,081 42
Sept. 4.....	21 75	8 78	.....	238 73
Sept. 5.....	412 36	4'2 50	2'9 96	852 75
Sept. 7.....	952 20	1,124 57	846 04	1,277 99
Sept. 8.....	223 53	17 49	885 01	272 95
	\$3,182 84	\$1,708 57	\$8,631 53	\$6,518 43

Very respectfully,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer:

JERSEY CITY, Sept. 9, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$16,087 33
Balance credit assessment account....	40,401 77
Balance credit water account.....	46,584 95
Balance credit sinking fund account.	51,995 51

Very respectfully,

THOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

Ordered filed.

Three concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions offered the following reports:

On the petitions of Charles J. Hart and Conrad Spengemann, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$43 VI be paid to Charles J. Hart, to refund difference between purchase money paid at sale of December 14, 1871, for taxes of 1870, of lots 34 to 44 inclusive, Grand and Columbia avenues, block 2, with interest and amount paid July 15, 1875, in redemption from said sale.

Resolved, That inasmuch as Conrad Spengemann has consented to surrender certificates of sale of certain lots bought by him September 26, 1873, for taxes of 1871 (as contemplated in resolution of October 29, 1874) this Board do hereby order that the sum of fourteen hundred and seventy-six dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$1,476 97), with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum from date of sale, September 26, 1873, to refund purchase money and interest on lots 14 to 17 inclusive, Hudson street, and 22 on second street, and 23 to 26 inclusive on Atlantic street, in block 14, city map, be paid to said Conrad Spengemann, the

warrant for which payment to be delivered to said Conrad Spengemann upon his surrender to the City Clerk for cancelment the certificates of sale of said lots, whereupon the City Clerk is hereby authorized to cancel the sale.

On the petition of Aaron H. Wellington, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Attorney.

On concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing materials for the reconstruction of Summit avenue, be and is hereby awarded to the party hereinafter mentioned, and at the prices hereinafter specified, viz.:

Sand filling, P. Kinlan, \$1 24 per cubic yard, that being the lowest bid received; and the Corporation Attorney be requested to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing materials for the reconstruction of Varick street, be and is hereby awarded to the parties hereinafter mentioned, at the prices hereinafter specified, viz.:

Sand filling, Hugh Glenner, \$1 10 per cubic yard, earth filling, Thomas Gafney, 44 cents per cubic yard, they being the lowest bids received, and that the Corporation Attorney be requested to prepare and have executed the proper contracts for the same.

Resolved, That \$234 32 be paid to Warner & Carscadden, for hay and feed for Street Department horses from July 1 to 30, 1875; \$44 75 to J. C. Lawrence, to repairs to harness for Street Department from June 7 to August 1, 1875; \$24 90 to Daniel Davis, for one one-half barrel axle grease for Street Department carts; \$24 39 to E. M. Pritchard, for lumber for Street and Sewer Department, July 27 and 28, 1875; \$72 38 to Jas. Petherington, for hay and feed for Street Department horses from July 1 to 28, 1875; \$120 35 to Adolph Luck, for carting sewer stuff, July 1 to 30, 1875; \$12 to J. C. Lawrence, for harness for engineer's horse; \$15 78 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company, for connecting pipe in Britton street with pipes in Montgomery street and Fairmount avenue; \$499 85 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company, for furnishing and laying water pipe in Clifton place; \$211 26 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company, for furnishing and laying water pipe in Bright street; \$6 85 to Edwin Moore, for setting metre at barrel factory, Lafayette; \$6 to Christopher Murry, for repairing pump in Wayne street, near Grove street; \$3 to H. F. Schrader, for cleaning, repairing and warranting an eight day clock for one year.

Resolved, That \$32 23 be paid to S. C. Prescott, for repairing wooden pavement in Wayne street, August 10 to 11; \$17 62 to Patrick Ryan, for 1,175 Belgian blocks for street repairs; \$111 75 to Myles Tierney, for 149 loads of sand for street repairs; \$6 69 to James Kelter, for Belgian blocks for repairing streets; \$72 85 to Patrick Hughes & Co., for repairs to Street Department carts from June 23 to July 29, 1875; \$12 45 to George Cummings, for sand and shingles for Belleville Works; \$430 24 to Ditmold & Cox, for 70.06 tons of Lehigh coal for Belleville Works, \$430 54 to Ditmold & Co., for 70.07 tons of Lehigh coal for Belleville Works; \$107 10 to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co., for corporation stop cocks; \$44 34 to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co., for globe valves, pipes and other castings for Belleville Works; \$45 47 to B. F. Woolsey & Company, for hemp packing, white lead, etc., for Belleville Works; \$6 16 to B. F. Woolsey & Co., for one barrel of soft soap for Belleville Works; \$23 93 to Warren Foundry and Machine Company, for two reducers; \$36 25 to Henry C. Hullers, for carting 115 lengths of 20-inch water pipe; \$14 40 to James Kelter, for paving blocks used in paving entrance to school house on Wayne street; be and the same are hereby con-

curred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit.:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing 4,600 tons of anthracite coal at Belleville Works, be and is hereby awarded to Caldwell, Weston & Co., at the price named in their proposal, viz. : six dollars and

nine cents (\$6 09) per ton of 2,240 pounds, that being the lowest bid received, and the quality of coal satisfactory to this Board; be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Fry, the Board adjourned,
CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, September 16, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Fry and Brown.

Absent—Messrs. Ogden and Van Reipen.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting were dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

J. N. Harriman to have assessments for taxes reduced; Stephen Morgan to have refunded amount paid through error for taxes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

William Brinkerhoff, attorney of Samuel C. Nelson, for adjustment of assessments. Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Communication from Samuel C. Isaacs in reference to sale of property. Ordered filed.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

Three Concurrent Resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions.

Three concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works were received and laid on the table.

From the City Comptroller, showing the following receipts of the City Treasury, from September 9 to September 15, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Sinking fund.	Water account.
Sept. 9, 1875.	\$391 28	\$15 80	\$177 13	\$128 14
Sept. 10.....	235 14	612 63	259 43	783 43
Sept. 11.....	1 96 00	228 90	271 34	278 75
Sept. 13.....	720 74	19 06	23 7	317 02
Sept. 14.....	6 4 9	597 67	175 77	424 75
Sept. 15.....	515 43	561 27	552 50	230 10
	\$3455 03	\$3241 33	\$1260 44	\$3284 69

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city, at the close of business September 16, 1875:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$66,340 43
Balance credit assessment account..	43,627 30
Balance credit water account.....	41,070 07
Balance credit sinking fund account	3,433 50

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit: Resolved, That \$27 47 be paid to Patrick J. Condon, for labor and materials furnished raising and repairing basin corner of Sussex and Van Vorst streets, and resealing sewer in Fourteenth street near Provost street; \$75 75 to Thacker & Son, for furnishing, sharpening and repairing tools for Street and Sewer Department from November 27, 1874 to June 21, 1875; \$437 73 to Warner & Carscallen, for hay and feed for Street and Sewer Department horses from June 3 to 23, 1875; \$119 80 to E. M. Pritchard, for lumber for repairing Bergen Point plankroad June 7 to 15, 1875; \$4 10 to the Jersey City Gas Light Company, for gas consumed at street Department stables during quarter ending July 1, 1875; \$13. 95 to Adolph Luck, for carting sewer stuff from June 1 to 29, 1875; \$17 80 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company, for rebuilding over pipe conduit on Meadows; \$35 48 to Harry Taylor, for one barrel of tallow for Belleville Water Works; \$14 28 to McVab & Harlin, Manufacturing Company, for globe valves, iron pipes and other castings for Belleville Water Works; \$43 76 to Cook & Beggs, for steel wire and packing for Belleville

Water Works; \$288 01 to Stevens & McLain for 4 12-inch stopcocks; \$18 to William Stanley for shoeing pipeyard horses, from April 8 to June 21, 1875.

Resolved, That \$123 69 be paid to the American Water and Gas Pipe Company for furnishing and laying water pipe in Jackson avenue, from Forest street, south; \$69 81 to Warner & Carscallen for hay and feed for pipeyard horses, from June 7 to June 29, 1875; \$62 01 to the American Water and Gas Pipe Company for labor and materials furnished making water connections, from June 16 to July 2, 1875; \$1 to E. M. Carpenter & Co. for balance due on bill for sheet lead, oils and emery cloth, from November 27, 1874, to July 7, 1875; \$10 to Jas. Wakefield for posting 500 water rent notices; \$9 to William Stanley for shoeing pipeyard horses, April 26 to June 24, 1875; \$20 to Thomas J. Armstrong, for resetting water meters at Long Dock, Toffey's slaughter house and Colgate's soap factory; \$3 40 to Thomas J. Armstrong, for setting water metres at White's (florist), on Communipaw avenue; \$9 14 to New Jersey Ice Company, for ice furnished from April 6 to July 1; \$38 90 to Jersey City Gas Light Company, for gas consumed at office of Board of Public Works from April 1 to July 1, 1875; \$25 to M. Mullone, for advertising regulations in regard to sidewalks; \$21 70 to Hugh F. McDermott, for advertising corporation notices from May 1 to June 15, 1875, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$437 be paid to Keeney & Snow, for lumber for street repairs during months of April and May, 1875, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for fifty thousand dollars on account of State and County tax for 1874.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the three concurrent resolutions be taken from the table.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing and delivering, at High Service pumping station, on Central avenue one steam pump, boiler and necessary appendages, be and is hereby awarded to Knowles & Sibley, at the price named in their proposal, viz.: \$2 675, that being the lowest bid received, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for sheathing and repairing the public dock foot of Morran street, be and is hereby awarded to H. V. Sloan and Brosier, at the price named in their proposal, viz: \$1024 that being the lowest bid received—be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing and laying about 3600 feet of 16 inch water pipe in Central avenue between Manhattan and Graham avenues, be and is hereby awarded to American Water and Gas Pipe Company at the price named in their proposal, viz: \$2 80 per lineal foot, that being the lowest bid received—be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays
the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry and adopted:

Moved, That when we adjourn it be to meet
on Saturday next at 9 o'clock, a. m.

On motion of Mr. Brown the ~~board~~ ad-
journed.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Saturday, September 18, 1875, at nine o'clock a.m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Fry and Ogden.

Absent—Mr. Van Reipen.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, {
JERSEY CITY, Sept. 14, 1875. }

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gen'l'memo—In the matter of suits by Messrs. Henry H. Newkirk, James Reid and Abner A. Wykendall, brought against Jersey City to recover certain salaries respectively claimed by them for services as clerks in the Board of Works office, and which salaries it was insisted by claimants and their counsel were fixed and determined by the Board of Works, and did not require the concurrence of the Board of Finance, especially as the latter Board had concurred in the employment, and the counsel of the city having advised both Boards that the concurrence of the Finance Board, under the supplement of 1874, was necessary to fix a salary or compensation for such employment, the suits were accordingly resisted by the city, were tried at the May term of the Hudson Circuit, before his Honor Judge Knapp, who has decided the case adverse to the claimants and in favor of the

city. The decision of the Court was given in a written opinion by his Honor Judge Knapp—copy of which I herewith transmit to the Board for fuller information—in which the Court holds that plaintiffs' right of recovery, if at all, is on a quantum meruit," and his Honor adds: "As no proof was offered under such a claim I decide the cases on the grounds taken by the parties and must order judgment for the defendant, the city, in each case."

No salary having been fixed for such employees, and the concurrence of the Finance Board being absolutely necessary to fix a salary, and without which their salaries cannot be fixed under the charter, it results that unless concurrence in some amount satisfactory to claimants is reached, their recourse will then be, as stated in the opinion of the court, on a "quantum meruit," in which action, if recovery is had, claimants will recover as compensation for their services, whatever they can establish before the court by proof their services as such employees were reasonably worth, but in no event can they recover in excess of the charter limit.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be received and entered in full upon the minutes, and that the opinion be placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, September 23, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.
Absent—All the members.

A quorum not being present, the Clerk adjourned the Board.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Saturday, September 25, 1875, at nine o'clock a. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Fry.

Absent—Mr. Van Reipen.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Comptroller, showing the following receipts of the City Treasury, from September 16 to September 22, inclusive:

Date	General account.	Assessment account.	Sinking fund.	Water account.
Sept. 16, 1875.	\$317 41	\$1722 96	\$354 68	\$205 55
Sept. 17	370 64	1510 40	108 96	375 00
Sept 18	431 09	.....	272 82	328 19
Sept. 20	792 18	673 24	56 13	108 45
Sept 21	286 73	164 18	68 00	996 50
Sept. 22	136 37	1571 45	62 92	484 05
	<u>\$2346 37</u>	<u>\$5612 23</u>	<u>\$923 51</u>	<u>\$2437 74</u>

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County national Bank to the credit of the city, at the close of business September 25, 1875:

Balance credit Tax Account.....	\$7,863 57
Balance credit Assessment Account..	49,714 43
Balance credit Water account.....	43,178 00
Balance credit Sinking Fund Account.	4,226 74

Ordered filed.

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Ogden:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer, for thirty thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from Assessment Account to General Account, as a loan.

Resolved. That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer, in the following amounts, to transfer said sums to Interest Account of October, 1875:

On General Account..	\$19,615 00
On Assessment Account.....	17,655 00
On Water Account.....	23,000 00

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Fry, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, September 30, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meetings of September 16 and 23, and of the adjourned meeting of September 18, was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting of September 25, were read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Flavel McGee \$3 60, for depositions. Referred to Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the Corporation Attorney, in relation to petition of Maria Kirkman. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasury from September 23 to 29, both days inclusive:

	Geeta.	Assess- ment.	Sinking Fund.	Water Account.
Sep. 23, '75..	\$ 66 95	\$289 69	\$264 31	\$526 23
S. pt. 24.....	345 18	285 26	714 75	229 82
pt. 25 ..	922 52	14 80	232 22	469 2
Sep. 27.....	408 92	219 20	644 74	224 48
S. pt. 28.....	71 90	8 7 33	45 00	553 15
Sep. 29.....	115 41	9 96	76 60	832 04
	\$2 032 28	\$1,676 79	\$2,047 01	\$2 994 17

From the City Treasurer, showing a balance of \$100,845 25 in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business, September 30, 1875.

Four concurrent resolutions, from the Board of Public Works, were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit: Resolved, That \$24 90 be paid to Hugh F. McDermott, for advertising corporation notices, from July 14 1875, to August 14, 1875; \$33 33 to Jersey City Insurance Company, for insurance on public dock, foot of Morgan street; \$31 33 to State Insurance Company, for insurance on public dock, foot of Morgan street; \$33 33 to Hudson Insurance Company, for insurance on public dock, foot of Morgan street; \$11 15 to Patrick Harrogan, for sharpening tools for Street Department; \$18 75 to James Coyle, for fifteen loads sand for street repairs.

Resolved, That \$200 10 be paid to Adolph Luck for removing sewer garbage during month of August; \$67 72 to Theodore Sandford & Son for railroad ties at Belleville; \$158 70 to N. O. Parks & Co. for tallow and castor oil; \$451 98 to Detmold & Cox for coal at Belleville; \$446 40 to Detmold & Cox for coal at Belleville; \$496 72 to American Water & Gas Pipe Co. for laying water pipe in Wallis avenue, from Pavonia avenue, south; \$499 13 to American Water & Gas Pipe Co. for furnishing and laying water pipe in Wallis avenue, from Pavonia avenue, north; \$16 79 to American Water & Gas Pipe Co. for connecting pipe in Clifton place with Summit avenue pipe; \$117 42 to Warren Foundry and Machine Company for twenty-five six-inch pipes; \$53 55 to Thomas McCannell for sharpening tools; \$60 35 to Patrick Maloney for sharpening tools; \$9 75 to Charles Scott for works and materials at Clerk's office; \$48 50 to the Argus for printing and advertising; 7 to A. P. Hickman for posting notices; \$34 15 to J. W. Harrison for stationery for Clerk's office; \$18 68 to F. P. Gautier for ice at office of the Board of Public Works.

Resolved, That \$95 be paid to Chas. O. Potter for services as commissioner of assessments.

Resolved, That \$65 be paid to G. Vreeland, Jr. for services as commissioner of assessments on sundry street improvements; \$65 to Chas. O. Potter for services as commissioner of assessments on sundry street improvements; \$65 and \$95 to Jasper Wandle for services as commissioner on sundry street improvements.

Resolved, That \$73 10 be paid to Knowles & Sibley for boiler grates, valve springs, bolts and other castings for Jersey City Water Works October 16, 1874, to June 19, 1875; \$22 02 to Cook & Beggs for 800 1/4 inch wood screws for Belleville Works; \$300 47 to Steele & Condit for rails, sleeve bolts and nuts for Belleville Works; \$2 40 to John W. Harrison for one blank book for engineering bureau; \$70 18 to John W. Harrison for postage stamps and stationery for Water Registrar's office; \$5 50 to John W. Harrison for three blank books for City Warfanger's office; \$298 42 to John Anness for six lead, steel picks and tools for pipe yard; \$150 to J. W. Harrison for one ream manilla paper; \$144 87 to John Anness for drain pipe, street brooms, rope, nails, &c., for street repairs; \$7 to John W. Harrison for making order books, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be and are hereby authorized to exchange the safe now in the Street Department office for one suitable for the safe keeping of the minutes, resolutions and record books in the Clerk's office, at an expense not to exceed \$250, be and the same is hereby not concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation for the reason that the Board of Works have no legal right to exchange city property.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Extensions and Distributions be and are hereby authorized to advertise for, proposals for furnishing and laying about 66 lengths of 24 inch and 38 lengths of 20-inch water-pipe, from New Reservoir and High Service Works in Summit avenue, to Manhattan avenue and through Manhattan avenue to Central avenue, be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following preambles and resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Whereas, The building at present occupied by the Fire Department for the accommodation of Hook and Ladder Company No. 3 is too small for its needs, the Department finding it necessary to shorten the ladders in order to house the apparatus therein, which very much lessens their usefulness; and

Whereas, The house is dangerously out of repairs and said to be unhealthy; and

Whereas, It is the judgment of this Board that more ground is necessary for the proper accommodation of said company, to enable it more fully to carry out the purposes for which the Fire Department was created; and

Whereas, Said building occupies all the ground the city owns in connection therewith, and cannot therefore be extended; therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Board of Public Works be and are hereby authorized to purchase a site and to advertise for proposals for building a suitable house thereon, for the use of Hook and Ladder Company No. 3, as asked for by the Board of Fire Commissioners, and at a cost not to exceed nine thousand dollars (\$9,000), be and is hereby not concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the report was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Van Keipen.
Nay—Mr. Fry.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments reported adverse to granting the petition of J. N. Harriman, for the reason that the Board of Finance and Taxation have no jurisdiction in the matter. The report was received and adopted.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported correct the claim of William Davison, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,516 70 be paid to William Davison, for printing and binding annual reports of the City Government for the years 1873 and 1874.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for payment of salaries for month of September, 1875, when due, viz.:

Henry Trapbagen, Mayor.....	\$ 166 66
James H. Love, City Collector.....	250 00
E. A. Carman, City Comptroller.....	250 00
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer.....	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel....	416 66
Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney	291 66
Cornelius S. See, Clerk Board F. and T.	100 00
Wm. Stephens, Clerk to Comptroller....	150 00
Fred. Boyes, Accountant.....	62 50
Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer,....	100 00

A. D. White, Assistant to Collector... ..	125 00
James T. Grady, Clerk to Collector..	80 00
S. D. Dickinson, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
John Creech, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
D. T. Jeffrey, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Edw. S. Pigott, Clerk to Collector....	80 00
Walter Kissam, Clerk to Collector	80 00
James Browning, Messenger.....	50 00
Jacob Emory, tax and assessment bill distributor, 17 days, at \$3.....	51 00
Thomas K. Halstead, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	100 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office.	83 33
A. L. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office..	66 66
Wm. B. Shafer, Assessor First District...	125 00
George Beck, Assessor Second District..	125 00
John H. Ward, Assessor Third District..	125 00
J. M. Van Hassel, Assessor Fourth District.....	125 00
Jacob Perrine, Assessor Fifth District..	125 00
A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth District.....	125 00
Evening Journal, printing minutes. . .	250 00
The Argus, printing minutes.....	250 00
Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00
Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 7, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Isaac Romaine \$7 48, for taking testimony. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Hugh F McDermott \$250, for printing minutes. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education:

Resolved, That \$4000 be transferred from the account of Teachers and Salaries to that of Books, Stationery and Music.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City treasury from September 30 to October 6, inclusive:

	General Account.	Assessment Account.	Sinking Fund.	Water Account.
Sept 30, '75..	\$448 01	\$225 29	.....	\$379 03
Oct. 1.....	319 82	1324 56	117 23	275 67
Oct 2.....	215 02	108 19	206 64	42 72
Oct 4.....	694 73	267 04	65 20	329 22
Oct 5.....	5283 42	1392 42	640 13	293 30
Oct 6.....	1241 12	773 48	944 62	383 17
	\$3,892 12	\$5,085 98	\$2,694 82	\$7,933 11

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city, at the close of business: October 7, 1875:

Balance credit Tax Account.....	\$17,494 97
Balance credit Assessment Account.....	7,793 22
Balance credit Water Account.....	11,256 70
Balance credit Sinking Fund Account.....	6,092 92

From the Water Registrar:

JERSEY CITY, September 30, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the following lists for water rents, placed in my hands for collection, viz.:

Building rates, &c., for 1875-6	\$210,167 55
Measured water due July 1, 1875.....	6 951 85
Measured water due Aug. 1, 1875.....	22,372 89
Measured water due Sept. 1, 1875.....	7,925 01

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. B. VREELAND, Registrar.

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions offered the following reports:

On the petition of Chas. H. Voorhis, McGraw & Dwight and Mary Whalen, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$6 90, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum, from August 7, 1862, be paid to Chas. H. Voorhis to refund purchase money (with interest) paid by him at corporation sale of August 7, 1862, for taxes of 1861 for lot 118 Moran street, block 50, and ordered cancelled by this Board May 6, 1875.

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel the assessments for taxes for the year 1874, against lot 37, block 924, Nelson avenue, the amount of assessments for taxes for said year justly due the city on the said lot having been paid by the owner thereof.

Resolved, That the sum of \$73 01 be paid to Mary Whalen to refund to her the difference between the amount due the city for interest on assessments for main sewer in Newark avenue from Five Corners to Hackensack river, to wit, the sum of \$8 04 and the amount through error charged to, and by her actually paid, to wit, the sum of \$81 05.

On Concurrent Resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$452 60 be paid to Detmold & Cox for 73 tons coal for Belleville; \$347 20 to Detmold & Cox for 56 tons coal for Belleville; \$125 to John B. Oltman for maintaining telegraph line for quarter ending September 10, 1875; \$231 06 to J. Anness for pig lead and fuse; \$3 30 to J. W. Carpenter & Co. for paint, brushes, etc.; \$98 94 to B. F. Champonney, Jr., for feed, for pipeyard horses; \$16 35 to J. W. Harrison for stationery for office of Commissioners of Assessments; \$97 90 to J. W. Harrison for stationery for Engineering Bureau; \$45 60 to J. W. Harrison for stationery for Clerk's office; \$15 to the Hudson Insurance Company for insurance on building in Erie street; \$293 69 to Warner & Carscallen for hay and feed for Street Department horses during month of August; \$125 70 to Patrick Humes for repairs to Street Department carts; \$443 69 to Patrick Kinlin for Belgian blocks for reconstruction of Varick street; \$145 to H. V. Sloat & Bro. for repairing bridge at Cavan Point road over Morris Canal.

Resolved, That \$113 30 be paid to Patrick Manley for carting coal, &c., at Belleville.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing about 170,000 Belgian blocks for reconstruction of Varick street and Summit avenue, be and is hereby awarded to Michael Shannen, at the price named in his proposal \$21 43 per thousand, that being the lowest bid received, and the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare proper contracts for the same, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$12 be paid to Bevan & Stephens, for two maps, one for office of Collector and one for office of Comptroller.

Resolved, That the sum of \$15 50 be paid to Charles Scott, for carpenter work and material at offices of Treasurer and Collector.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$65 50 be paid to Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, for printing.

The same committee reported adverse on the claim of Hugh F. McDermott, \$250, for printing minutes for the month of August, 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 14, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Isaac Smith to have assessment reduced. Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Soudder & Vreedenburg, \$21 92, \$21 92 and \$271 92, for taxed costs in certiorari suits against Jersey City. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the Board of Fire Commissioners:

OCTOBER 9, 1875.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—You are cordially invited to attend the fifth annual review of this Department, at the City Hall, on Wednesday, October 20, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order of the Board,

JOHN T. DENMEAD, Clerk.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be received and the invitation accepted, and that the Clerk acknowledge the same.

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts of the City Treasury October 7 to 13, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Sinking fund.	Water account.
Oct. 7.	\$533 09	\$6 0 95	\$13 94	
Oct. 8.	461 38	138 56	25 00	\$1,171 22
Oct. 9.	236 54	85 56	50 01	3,423 92
Oct. 11.	1,882 99	2,741 12	98 23	783 70
Oct. 12.	914 08	1,178 80	278 33	318 71
Oct. 13.	482 25	1,123 93	507 75	5 50
	\$3,732 94	\$5,959 32	\$893 25	\$6,277 55

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$14,867 21
Balance credit assessment account....	13,191 21
Balance credit water account.....	15,258 25
Balance credit sinking fund account....	7,067 58

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, October 13, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Trial was had on Monday and Tuesday last at the Hudson Circuit, upon the Supreme Court issues, in the suits by Henry H. Newkirk and James Reid, brought against "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," to recover compensation for eleven and a half months' services as Clerk and Committee Clerk respectively in the Board of Works Department.

No compensation having been fixed by the two Boards having jurisdiction in that matter, the question upon a "quantum meruit" at the trial, and which the jury, by their verdict, have determined, was as to the value of the services rendered, and what compensation within the charter limit plaintiffs should recover.

As to the Clerk, the charter limit is \$3,000. The verdict of the jury was that Henry H. Newkirk, Clerk, recover compensation at the rate of \$2,750 per annum, which, for eleven and a half months, the extent of the service, is \$2,635 40, with interest to be added from May 1, 1875, amount \$86 62, making total recovery by Mr. Newkirk of \$2,722 02.

As to the Committee Clerk, the charter limit is \$1,800. The verdict of the jury in this case was that James Reid, Committee Clerk, recover compensation at the rate of sixteen hundred and fifty dollars per annum, which for eleven and a half months, the extent of his service, is \$1,581 25, and with interest added, from May 1, 1875, amount \$52 01, making total recovery by Mr. Reid of \$1,633 26.

Under the provisions of section 134 of the City Charter it is competent for the Board of Public Works to order payment, by resolution, of the amounts thus fixed and determined by the Court, in which resolution it will be necessary and lawful for this Board to concur, and which action and concurrence are advised, thereby saving additional costs that would ensue if execution issued.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

On motion, the communications were ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit: Resolved, That \$230 07 be paid to E. M. Pritchard, for lumber for street repairs during month of August.

Resolved, That \$82 37 be paid to James Hetherington, for hay and feed for Street Department horses during month of August, 1875; \$2 75 to F. Brandis & Company, for repairing draw tube and rack for level; \$96 to John Anness, for brooms and shovels; \$4 to Henry Stuhr, for setting one light of glass, destroyed by blasting; \$10 to John Anness, for leader, elbows and blasting powder; \$32 90 to John Anness, wall paper, brushes and brooms for Belleville; \$446 40 to Detmold & Cox for coal at Belleville; \$376 65 to Detmold & Cox for coal at Belleville; \$452 00 to Detmold & Cox for coal at Belleville; \$347 20 to Detmold & Cox for coal at Belleville; \$5 to John Anness for one keg of 10 penny nails; \$324 25 to National Meter Company for two meters for Jersey City Water Works; \$5 to John Anness for one keg of 20 penny nails for public dock; \$16 55 to John Anness for repairing chairs, brushes, matches for office of Board of Public Works.

Resolved, That \$458 60 be paid to M. Shannon for 20,000 Belgian blocks for reconstruction of Varick street; \$119 50 to William McCarty for sand for street repairs; \$208 86 to Steele & Condict for repairs to machinery at Belleville; \$433 07, \$441 13 and \$434 to Detmold & Cox, for coal for Belleville Works; \$99 64 to John B. Oltman, for repairs to telegraph line from July 14 to September 6, 1875; \$6 75 to Mc-McNab & Harlin, Manufacturing Company, for stop cocks, nipples and elbows; \$252 79 to Warren Foundry and Machine Company, for twenty-five 4-inch and twenty-five 6-inch cast iron water pipe; \$352 89 to Warren Foundry and Machine Company, for three way branches, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$3 60 be paid to Flavel McGee, for taking depositions in suit of Fabey against the city.

Resolved, That the sum of \$7 48 be paid to Isaac Romaire, for taking testimony in two cases of suits against the city.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported adverse to paying the claim of Hugh F. McDermott, \$251, for printing minutes for month of September.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to employ such additional help as may be needed in the Collector's office, to assist in making out tax bills, and to report to this Board at its next meeting.



Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer in the following amounts, to transfer the sums from general account to

Interest account of July, 1875.....	\$877 40
Interest account of April, 1874.....	13 74
Interest account of April, 1875.....	96 87
Interest account of June, 1875.....	1 64
Interest account of March, 1875.....	22 81

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for \$3 75, to transfer said sum from interest account of October, 1874, to general account.

The President called for the ayes and nays, the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, October 21, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Fry and Ogden.

Absent—Mr. Van Keipen.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Mary Denniston to have assessment for taxes apportioned. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Commercial Advertising Association, \$9 for advertising; John Kennard, \$489 for stationery and postage stamps. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the Board of Public Works:
To the honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The enclosed communication was presented to the Board of Public Works this date and ordered referred to the Board of Finance and Taxation. Very respectfully,

JAMES REID, Clerk.

JERSEY CITY, October 7, 1875.

Honorable Board of Public Works:

Dear Sirs—The annexed is a copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen of Jersey City, at its meeting held on the 5th inst., and approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 7th inst. Yours, respectfully,

JOHN E. SCOTT, City Clerk.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be requested to cause additional railing or fencing to be placed on either side of the bridge on Palisade avenue, over Havine road, for the better protection of life and property.

The communication was received and referred to the committee on Salaries and Claims.

From the City Comptroller, showing the following receipts of City Treasury October 14 to 20, 1875, inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Sinking fund.	Water account.
Oct. 14.	\$1,043 07	\$154 62	\$315 35	\$391 20
Oct. 15	814 97	13 60	50 50	1,867 63
Oct. 16.	1,978 47	728 5	532 2	226 73
Oct. 18.	689 44	770 05	84 90	127 0
Oct. 19.	247 84	314 04	160 36	125 00
Oct. 20.	100 165 56	204 17	90 60	394 89
	\$104,942 35	\$2,579 62	\$1 149 93	\$3,974 89

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$109,384 89
Balance credit assessment account.....	15,893 77
Balance credit water account.....	18,078 15
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	8,066 38

Ordered filed.

Six concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following clerks be employed as additional help in the Collector's office, to assist in making out and distributing tax bills, the salary to be at the rate of \$80 per month, viz., Martin Finck, F. M. Brown, John Vandie, Charles Freeman, T. M. Nash, F. Woodcock, Charles W. Law, Samuel Bridgart, George A. Scott, Kella Pratt.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the report was received, and the resolution adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$5 25 be paid to Pangborn, Dunning & Dear for advertising for the Board of Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments.

Resolved, That the sum of \$489 00 be paid to John Kennard for stationery and postage stamps for Collector's office.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the tax levy made and all taxes assessed by the Assessors of Jersey City in the year 1875, transcripts of which assessments and levy have been filed with the City Clerk, be and are hereby confirmed.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Gilchrist & McGill, attorneys of Robert Muhleid, for the sum of \$329 60, in settlement in full for his claims against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. The said warrant to be delivered upon the execution and delivery to the City Clerk of a proper satisfaction piece to be approved by the Corporation Attorney.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That when we adjourn it be to meet on Wednesday afternoon next at 3 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned. CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, October 27, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.
Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Blakely Wilson to have refunded money paid through error for taxes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:
From the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
JERSEY CITY, October 27, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I report the following receipts of City Treasury October 21 to October 26, inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Sinking fund.	Water account.
Oct. 21.	\$33-25	\$650 32	\$ 4 1/2	\$ 69 11
Oct. 22.	1 168 45	16 18	28 15	678 40
Oct. 23.	6 623 76	71 67	157 71	2 589 19
Oct. 25.	6 067 17	31 2 62	104 43	851 54
Oct. 26.	8 270 48	1 120 75	788 89	448 04

\$22 453 14 \$5 107 04 \$1 143 40 \$4 886 23

Yours respectfully,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, Oct. 27, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$132,010 08
Balance credit assessment account.....	20 349 89
Balance credit water account.....	19,160 29
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	9,244 90

Very respectfully,

J. HOS. EARLE, City Treasurer.

Ordered filed.

Three concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing and laying about 450 feet of 20-inch iron and cement water pipe in Manhattan avenue be and is hereby awarded to the American Water and Gas Pipe Company, at the price named in their proposal, viz: \$4 per lineal foot, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Counsel be requested to have drawn and executed the proper contract for the same.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing and laying about 800 feet of 24-inch cast iron water pipe in Summit avenue, from High Service Engine-house towards Manhattan avenue, be and is hereby awarded to the American Water and Gas Pipe Company at the price named in their proposal, viz: For pipe, \$41.30 per ton of 2,240 lbs.; for laying and trenching, \$1.67 per lineal foot, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be requested to have drawn and executed the proper contracts for the same.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for building out-houses for public school-house No. 6, be and is hereby awarded to H. E. Schliet, at the price named in his proposal, viz: \$1,488, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be requested to have prepared and executed the proper contracts for the same.

Resolved, That \$149 75 be paid to Cooley & Lammman, for repairs to Street Department carts, from June 21, to September 3, 1875; \$458 80 to Detmold & Cox, for coal for Belleville Works; \$302 50 to Moses Mern, superintendent, for ten hydrants; \$19 12 to Cooley & Lammman, for repairing truck at pipe yard; \$191 88 to John Anness for pig lead, powder, etc., for pipe yard; \$20 61 to E. M. Carpenter & Co., for oil, bolts and screws for pipe yard, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$113 35 be paid to John Anness for pick handles, shovels, brooms and rubber coats, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the yeas and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported recommending that the resolution from the Board of Public Works, informing the Board of Finance and Taxation of the probable gross amount of money which will be required by said Board of Public Works during the month next ensuing, be filed. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The same committee reported adverse to granting the petition of Mary Dennison, for the reason that the Board of Finance and Taxation have not the power to make the division of taxes requested. The report was received and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for payment of salaries for month of October, 1875 when due, viz:

Henry Trapbagen, Mayor.....	\$ 166 66
James H. Love, City Collector.....	250 00
E. A. Carman, City Comptroller.....	250 00
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer.....	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel.....	416 66
Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney.....	291 66
Cornelius S. Sec, Clerk Board F. and T.....	100 00
Wm. Stephens, Clerk to Comptroller.....	150 00
Fred. Hayes, Accountant.....	62 50
Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer.....	100 00
A. D. White, Assistant to Collector.....	125 00
James T. Grady, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
S. D. Dickinson, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
John Creech, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
D. T. Jeffrey, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Edw. S. Pigott, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Walter Kissam, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
James S. Browning, Messenger.....	50 00
Jacob Emory, tax bill distributor, 29 days.....	87 00
Martin Finck, clerk to Collector, 10 days.....	26 60
F. M. Brown, clerk to Collector, 7 days.....	18 62
John Wandle, clerk to Collector, 10 days.....	26 60
Chas. Freeman, clerk to Collector, 10 days.....	26 60
T. M. Nash, clerk to Collector, 7 days.....	18 62
F. P. Woodcock, Clerk to Collector, seven days.....	18 62
Charles W. Laws, Clerk to Collector, ten days.....	26 60
Samuel Bridgart, Clerk to Collector, ten days.....	26 60
George A. Scott, Clerk to Collector, ten days.....	26 60
Rolla Pratt, Clerk to Collector, six days.....	15 96
Thomas K. Halstead, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	100 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	83 33
A. L. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	66 66
Wm. B. Shafer, Assessor First District.....	125 00
George Beck, Assessor Second District.....	125 00
John H. Ward, Assessor Third District.....	125 00
J. M. Van Tassel, Assessor Fourth District.....	125 00
Jacob Ferrine, Assessor Fifth District.....	125 00
A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth District.....	125 00
Evening Journal, printing minutes.....	250 00
The Argus, printing minutes.....	250 00
Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00

Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall..... 36 00
 And for payment of salaries due the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for three months.

I. J. Van Der Beek..... \$125 00
 T. C. Brown..... 125 00
 A. W. Fry..... 125 00
 James L. Ogden..... 125 00
 G. D. Van Relpen..... 125 00

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of said officer for the following amounts, to be transferred to interest account of November, 1875:

On General Account..... \$31,465

On Assessment Account..... 88,410

On Water Account..... 20,000

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from general account to assessment account, to repay loan of July 7, 1875, of fifty thousand dollars, and of July 29, 1875, for seventy-five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for fifty thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from general account to assessment account, to repay loan of August 26, 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel, enclosing a copy of a proper return to be made by the Board of Finance and Taxation to the rule to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not issue in the case of the State on the relation of Jeremiah B. Cleveland vs. The Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the return be signed by the President and Clerk, and sent to the Corporation Counsel, and that he be instructed to present the same to the Supreme Court as the return of this Board to the said rule to show cause.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

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Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 23, 1875.

Absent—All the members.

A quorum not being present, the Clerk adjourned the Board.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 4, 1875, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the reading of the minutes of the adjourned meeting of October 27th and of the regular meeting of October 28th was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Samuel Hetherington for correction of error in tax bill, referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Petitions of R. H. Westervelt for remission of penalty on unpaid taxes, and of Jacob Christman for reduction of taxes on account of militia duty. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the County Collector in reference to taxes due from the Township of Greenville. Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, showing the following receipts to the Treasury from October 27 to November 3, 1875 inclusive.

	General Account.	Assessment Account.	Sinking Fund.	Water Account.
Oct. 27,.....	\$ 9,548 35	.....	\$99 34	.....
Oct. 28,.....	10,823 91	202 20	31 00	90 91
Oct. 29,.....	12,485 70	1,262 11	1,291 76	17 26
Oct. 30,.....	14,086 67	110 33	90 00	52 14
Nov. 1,.....	17,191 94	.....	.....	147 71
Nov. 2,.....	45,223 10	127 65	1,087 77	242 72
Nov. 3,.....	6,445 22	619 58	.....	400 27
	\$224,836 41	\$2,211 92	\$2,598 87	\$1,637 05

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city, at the close of business November 4, 1875:

Balance credit Tax Account.....	\$106,614 39
Balance credit Assessment Account.....	25,234 82
Balance credit Water Account.....	17,817 88
Balance credit Sinking Fund Account.....	11,249 43

From the City Collector:

JERSEY CITY, October 21, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In accordance with section 45 of a supplement to the city charter, approved March 24, 1873, I hereby certify, that I have this day received in my office, for collection, the tax levy for 1875 and 1876, amounting to one million, six hundred and forty-five thousand, five hundred and fifty dollars and seventy-nine cents, (\$1,645,550 79).

Very respectfully,

JAMES H. LOVE, City Collector.

Ordered filed,

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$9 be paid to the Commercial Advertising Association for advertising.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments and Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the petition of Edward Soper, to have refunded amount paid in error for personal taxes, be referred to the Corporation Attorney. Also recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$74 95 be paid to Henry K. Worthington for repairing one 4-inch water metre; \$275 75 to National Metre Company for

one 4-inch metre; \$12 35 to Edwin Moore for repairing water metre at Long Dock; \$68 90 to The Arzus for advertising corporation notice, month of September; \$150 to James M. Brann for filing contracts; \$133 40 to Adolph Luck for carrying sewer stuff for month of September; \$76 75 to John V. Condon for repairing manholes and receiving basin in Bay street; \$33 37 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company for labor and materials in connecting Wallis avenue pipe with main pipe at Marlon; \$288 93 to Warner & Carscallen for feed for Street Department horses for month of September; \$132 73 to E. O'Donnell for feed for Street Department horses from May 5 to August 30, 1875.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be and are hereby authorized to purchase a safe at an expense not to exceed \$500, for the proper protection from fire of the minutes, resolutions and record books of this Board now kept in a wooden closet in the Clerk's office, and which, in case of fire, would be totally destroyed.

Resolved, That \$40 49 be paid to J. S. Washburn for shoeing Street Department horses; \$16 32 to E. M. Pritchard for lumber; \$14 43 to J. V. Condon for repairing basin, corner of Golden and Varick streets; \$62 72 to Jas. Hetherington, for feed for Street Department horses month of September; \$11 05 to P. Harrogan for repairing tools for Street Department; \$117 77 to Patrick Hughes for repairing carts for Street Department; \$267 26 to McFarland & Melhary for grate bars; \$122 45 to N. H. Parks & Co. for two barrels tallow oil; \$13 34 to J. E. Carpenter & Co. for repairing two blocks at pipe yard; \$110 54 to Cook & Beags for waste and scoop shovels for Belleville; \$109 00 to Daniel Davis for two barrels lard oil; \$93 23 to N. O. Parks & Co. for 2 barrels astral oil; \$443 13 to Caldwell, Weston & Co. coal for Belleville; \$297 60 to Detmold & Cox for coal; \$390 47 to Detmold & Cox for coal for Belleville; \$41 90 to John Furey for sharpening tools for pipe yard; \$10 43 to John E. Carpenter & Co. for oil and grass at pipe yard; \$2 95 to Stevens & McLain for ten fire hydrants; \$9 to Schanck & Housen for coal for pipe yard be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the City Charter, and discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works dependent on the several committees thereof, said committees be and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance be and are hereby authorized to expend to December 1, 1875, for incidental expenses, and for all matters not heretofore concurred in, an amount of money not exceeding the amounts set opposite each committee, said amount not exceeding the amount of the appropriations made said committees by the Board of Finance and Taxation for the year ending December 1, 1875:

Committee on Streets and Sewers	\$10,600
Com. on Pumping and Reservoirs.....	7,000
Com. on Extensions and Distributions.....	3,500
Com. on Water Rates and Assessments.....	1,650
Com. on Public Buildings and Grounds.....	5,750
Com. on Printing and Stationery.....	1,400
Com. on Wharves, Piers and Bridges.....	1,000

Total..... \$30,500

Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to purchase the material and employ the necessary number of men for the purpose of top dressing so much of the wooden pavement of this city as, in their judgment, will be to the interest of the city so to do, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the yeas and nays,

the reports and recommendation were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for \$15,000, to transfer said sum from general account to water account.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for \$30,000, on account of tax of 1874 of State and County.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 1, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.
Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Wm. Anderson and George W. Firth, agent, to have refunded money paid through error for taxes on personal property; Mrs. Lichtenstein to have assessment for personal property cancelled; Michael Brady and G. P. Howell, agent, to have assessment for taxes cancelled. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

John W. Harrison for stationery \$40, \$65 51, \$104 44; Hugh F. McDermott \$250, printing minutes for month of October. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Leon Abbett \$125 95, amount of judgment, Thos. Geraghty against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, Hudson Ice Co, \$37 95 for ice at City Hall. Referred to Committee on Salaries and Claims.

B. F. Champney \$25, expenses sending man to Trenton three times for Finance Committee. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the Mayor, enclosing notice of bankruptcy of A. H. Laidlaw. Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

From the Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasury, November 4 to 10, both days inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Sinking fund.	Water account.
Nov. 4.	\$1 496 62	\$73 11	\$165 29	\$430 47
Nov. 5.	18 021 14	710 64	104 19	955 56
Nov. 6.	11 730 30	145 73	7 51	1 819 74
Nov. 8.	8 660 64	2 092 84	145 00	150 73
Nov. 9.	134 3 13	49 64	821 76	191 00
Nov. 10.	16 779 56	1 074 50	70 00	969 87
	\$82 124 44	\$4 145 46	\$1 307 74	\$4 550 32

From the City Treasurer, reporting balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$115,893 49
Balance credit assessment account....	13 432 82
Balance credit water account.....	2,775 64
Balance credit sinking fund account....	11,573 81

Ordered filed.

From the Corporation Attorney, in reference to petitions of S. C. Nelson and Isaac Smith. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

From the Corporation Attorney, in reference to the petition of Samuel Hetherington. Ordered entered at length upon the minutes.

JERSEY CITY, Nov. 10, 1875.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I return to your Board the communication of Samuel Hetherington, referred to me at your last meeting, and beg leave to say that, while it would be undoubtedly to the interests of the city that some department of the City Government should have power to rectify such errors in assessments, I am unable to find anything in the charter by which such an end may be accomplished. Such a provision in the law, if properly carried out, would most certainly diminish the number of suits on matters of assessment, and lessen the aggregate amount of costs paid yearly by the city; while, if indirectly exercised, would throw upon the general public a burden it ought not to bear. If further information is desired on this subject, I would recommend a reference to the Corporation Counsel, to whose department this matter would properly belong. Respectfully,

WILLIAM P. DOUGLASS,
Corporation Attorney.

From the Corporation Attorney, in reference to the petition of Edward Soper. Ordered filed and the Corporation Attorney requested to draw the proper affidavit for the petitioner to sign.

From the Corporation Attorney in reference to petition of Jacob Christman. Recommendation adopted and communication ordered filed.

From the Corporation Attorney in reference to claim of Leon Abbett. Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$2 90 be paid to Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas consumed at the Street Department stables; \$111 50 to N. O. Parks & Co. for one barrel sperm oil; \$122 51 to N. O. Parks & Co. for two barrels tallow oil; \$13 50 to James A. Whyte for one cord of wood for pipe yard; \$7 10 to New Jersey Ice Company for ice for pipe yard; \$8 to John Stanley for shoeing pipe yard horses; \$236 90 to John Annes for packing, nails, pig lead, etc. for pipe yard; \$4 to J. H. Gautier & Co. for one barrel puddle clay; \$10 to George Hulbert for shoeing pipe yard, horses, August to September 1875; \$3 25 to John Stanley for shoeing tapper's horse; \$5 to George Hulbert for shoeing tapper's horse; \$4 25 to H. Living & Son for repairing water and gas pipes at office Board of Public Works; \$32 30 to Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas consumed in office of Board of Public Works, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending that the communication from the Board of Public Works enclosing resolution from the Board of Aldermen, in reference to railing on bridge on Palisade avenue over Kayne road, be returned to the Board of Public Works for more direct action by that body.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Taxes and Assessments reported that the claim of the Jersey City Crucible Works had been withdrawn by the claimants. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$125 95 be paid to Leon Abbett attorney, for judgment obtained against the city in the case of Thomas Geraghty vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of said officer for \$25,000, to transfer said sum from General Account to Water Account as a loan.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of said officer for \$9 330, to transfer said sum from Water Account to Interest Account of November, 1875.

Whereas, By the exchange of coupon for registered bonds, a large amount of coupon bonds have accumulated in the vaults of the City Clerk and the City Treasurer; therefore

Resolved, That such bonds, and all others accumulated from like sources, be burned under the direction of the Finance Committee, in the presence of his Honor the Mayor, the Comptroller City Treasurer and City Clerk, and that a detailed statement of such bonds, duly certified by said officials, be filed in the office of the Comptroller and City Clerk.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned.
CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 18, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.
Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petitions of Wm. H. Daly, John G. Forrillman and Ann Bedford, to have refunded money paid in error for taxes; A. M. Capen, for correction in tax bill; Marion Bridge Company, for adjustment of assessment for taxes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from Henry Traphagen in relation to his claim against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for services rendered and fees paid as attorney for the Board of Water Commissioners of Jersey City. Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Wm. J. Hourh, for coal for City Hall, \$68 75. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, showing the following receipts to City Treasury, November 11 to 17, inclusive:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Sinking fund.	Water account.
Nov. 11.	\$6 502 15	\$145 65	\$21 64	\$11 15
Nov. 12.	23 547 68	1 312 92	566 83	283 63
Nov. 13.	13 864 92	.....	80 00	171 88
Nov. 15.	4 816 99	351 12	200 75	215 23
N. v. 16	14 830 30	51 16	267 30	7 39 35
Nov. 17.	11 150 40	440 18	354 09	2,446 48
	\$81 732 44	\$2 31 03	\$1 520 61	\$10 519 67

From the City Treasurer, reporting the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$162,073 78
Balance credit assessment account.....	14 746 02
Balance credit water account.....	27,573 42
Balance credit sinking fund account.....	13,831 70
Ordered filed.	

The following communication, enclosing statement of Wm. Brinkerhoff, in relation to claims of Henry H. Newkirk and James Reid, for services rendered the Board of Public Works, was received and, on motion, laid on the table.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
JERSEY CITY, NOV. 18, 1875. }

To the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City.

Gentlemen—The accompanying communication from William Brinkerhoff, attorney, etc., was, by order of the Board of Public Works at their meeting held this day, referred to the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Very respectfully yours,

JAMES REID, Clerk.

One concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works was referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

A concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, in reference to advertising for proposals to alter and repair Engine house No. 3, was read.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works November 16, 1875, be read:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Public Buildings of this Board be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to alter and repair the house now occupied by Engine Company No. 12, on Webster avenue, in such manner as will make it suitable for occupancy by Truck Company No. 3, as requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners,

and in accordance with plans and specifications submitted by the Chief Engineer, be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted.

Moved, That the Board take a recess of ten minutes.

Upon the reassembling of the Board the following reports were offered by the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

On the petition of Isaac Smith, adverse to granting the same for the reasons set forth in the opinion of the Corporation Attorney, presented to this Board Nov. 11, 1875.

On the petition of S. C. Nelson for adjustment of assessment, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

On the petition of Michael Brady, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be instructed to cancel of record the sale of property on Railroad avenue, belonging to Michael Brady, known as lot 4, block 137, city map, the same having been sold for water rent of 1870, and erroneously assessed.

On the petition of George W. Firth, agent for James Vandalinda, recommending that it be returned to the petitioner for his affidavit as to the truth of the facts set forth in his said petition.

On concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of \$252 81 be paid to Patrick Manley, for carting at Belleville Works from July 26 to September 3, 1875; \$65 65 to John Anness for tacks, shovels, spades, lanterns, &c., be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above reports the recommendations and resolutions were adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$40 be paid to John W. Harrison for making two super-royal cash books.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported adverse on the claims of Hugh F. McDermott for printing minutes for the month of October. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$37 95 be paid to the Hudson Ice Company for ice furnished at the City Hall from June 7 to Nov. 1, 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That the sum of \$49 20, with 7 per cent. interest thereon, from December 14, 1871, be paid to Charles J. Hart to refund difference between purchase money paid at sale of December 14, 1871, for taxes of 1870, of lots 33 to 44 inclusive, Grand and Columbia avenues, block 2, and amount paid July 15, 1875, in redemption from said sale.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted September 9, 1875, ordering the sum of \$43 71 paid be rescinded, and that the City Clerk be requested to cancel the warrant drawn thereunder.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the resolution was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted :

Moved, That the communication from the Board of Public Works, enclosing statement of Wm. Brinkerhoff be taken from the table.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted :

Moved, That the communication be received and referred back to the Board of Public Works, with a request, that if they are satisfied as to the correctness of the claims and bills of costs, they will send to this Board a concurrent resolution ordering payment of the said claims.

The Corporation Counsel presented to the Board a printed book in the case of the State of New Jersey, ex rel. Jeremiah B. Cleveland vs. The Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City.

On motion, the same was received and ordered filed.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted :

Moved, That when we adjourn it be to meet on Wednesday afternoon next at 2 o'clock p. m.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 24, 1875, at 2 o'clock p. m.
Present—All the members.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition of George W. Firth, agent of James Vandalinda, to have refunded taxes paid through error. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

William P. Douglass, expenses as Corporation Attorney, \$112 60 and \$157 59; James R. Whyte, for wood for City Hall, \$16 50. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, Nov. 23, 1875. }

To the Honorable the the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The petition of Mr. Samuel C. Nelson to have an assessment which has been made upon a plot belonging to him, apportioned by your Board into separate assessments on different parts of said plot, as indicated by the accompanying sketch, so as to enable him to discharge by payment the assessment on one of those parts, while the balance of the assessment as to the rest part remained, referred for opinion, I have considered.

This question, which brings up the power of this Board to make, alter, revise, or redistribute an assessment, is not a new one, but has been before the Board for consideration, and was fully considered in the matter of the petition of Mr. John C. Robbins to have an apportionment of taxes and assessments respecting two lots, of one of which the petitioner was owner. Upon this latter petition you will find the opinion of Counsel printed in the minutes of the Board on page 88 of the printed minutes of the meeting held December 18, 1874, and to which reference is respectfully made.

Making and levying assessments, revising or redistributing the same, I do not find to be among the powers of this Board. The Board could not apportion this assessment into distinct parts without thereby in effect making separate assessments. The result would be, lacking such power, such apportionment being made, the release and discharge of part of the plot by part payment and cancellation of such part on the books would in law endanger the collection of the balance, if it did not work a cancellation of the whole. While the Board has no power to accommodate this matter, the petitioner is fortunately not without remedy. Being possessed of the whole plot, he can discharge the whole assessment by payment, and the necessity for an apportionment will be obviated.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

Ordered filed.

From the Corporation Attorney in reference to petition of Edward Soper. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolution.

From the City Comptroller, showing the following receipts to City Treasury, November 18 to 23 inclusive:

Date	General account.	Assessment account.	Sinking fund.	Water account.
Nov. 18.	\$9 108 29	\$1 277 82	\$* 00	\$130 63
Nov. 19.	8 749 43	357 11	327 02	109 95
Nov. 20.	11 648 65	379 49	1 814 99	368 46
Nov. 22.	9 768 49	2 700 97	1 010 11	193 15
Nov. 23.	8 594 04	1 087 64	234 15	303 25
	\$46 683 30	\$6 404 03	\$3 266 27	\$1 065 45

From the City Treasurer, reporting the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$197,311 64
Balance credit assessment account....	17 261 00
Balance credit water account	18,810 29
Balance credit sinking fund account.	17,102 88

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty eight dollars and seventy-five cents be paid to W. J. Hough & Co., for ten tons of coal delivered at City Hall.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$104 44 be paid to John W. Harrison, for stationery.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above reports, they were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on petition of Blakely Wilson, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$116 65 be paid to Blakely Wilson, to refund the amount paid by him, October 1, 1875, for taxes, penalty and interest for the year 1874, on lot 6, High street, and lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, Newkirk street, the said taxes for the said year on the said property having been previously paid November 9, 1874.

On the petition of Marlow Building Company, adverse to granting the said petition, because the Board have no power to make the adjustment requested.

On concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of \$98 90 be paid to J. C. Lawrence for repairs to harness for Street Department, from August 9 to September 15, 1875, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$5 35 be paid to Thomas Cary for shoeing Street Department horses, November and December, 1874; \$3 65 to John R. Jackson for repairing Street Department tools; \$99 to J. C. Lawrence for repairing harness, etc., for Street Department horses, for September and October, 1875; \$24 to George Hulbert for sharpening picks at pipe yard; \$400 to Terwilliger & Lockwood for one fire proof safe for Clerk's office; \$235 20 to Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, for printing and advertising from July 22 to October 5, 1875; \$29 to Hugh F. McDermott, for printing and advertising from August 28 to October 9, 1875, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above reports, they were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for payment of salaries for month of November, 1875, when due, viz.:

Henry Traphagen, Mayor.....	\$ 166 66
James H. Love, City Collector.....	250 00
E. A. Carman, City Comptroller.....	250 00
Thomas Bartle, City Treasurer.....	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel....	416 66
Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney	291 66
Cornelius S. See, Clerk Board F. and T.	100 00
Wm. Stephens, Clerk to Comptroller....	150 00
Fred. Boyes, Accountant.....	62 50
Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer....	100 00
A. D. White, Assistant to Collector.....	125 00
James T. Grady, Clerk to Collector....	80 00
S. D. Dickinson, Clerk to Collector....	80 00
John Creech, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
D. T. Jeffrey, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Walter Kissam, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Edw. S. Pigott, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Martin Finck, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
F. M. Brown, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
John Wandle, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00

Chas. Freeman, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
T. M. Nash, clerk to Collector.....	80 00
F. P. Woodcock, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Charles W. Laws, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Samuel Bridgart, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
George A. Scott, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Rolla Pratt, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Wallace Cox, Clerk to Collector, one month less two days.....	74 68
James M. Browning, Messenger.....	50 00
Jacob Emory, tax bill distributor, 27 days.....	81 00
Thomas K. Halstead, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	100 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office..	83 33
A. L. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office..	66 66
Wm. B. Shafer, Assessor First District...	125 00
George Beck, Assessor Second District...	125 00
John H. Ward, Assessor Third District...	125 00
J. M. Van Tassel, Assessor Fourth Dis- trict.....	125 00
Jacob Perrine, Assessor Fifth District..	125 00
A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth Dis- trict.....	125 00
Evening Journal, printing minutes. . .	250 00
The Argus, printing minutes.....	250 00
Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00
Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed for the purpose of examining and auditing the books and accounts of the Police Justices, Health Inspector, Warden of the City Hospital and City Wharfinger, and that the said committee be directed to ascertain whether the moneys collected by the said officials are paid into the City Treasurer, in accordance

with the requirements of the city charter, and also what amounts, if any, is due to the city for rent of property corner of Railroad and Newark avenues, the engine-house in Erie street, and all other property belonging to the city, and now rented to private parties.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the President appoint the said committee.

The President appointed as said committee, Messrs. Fry, Brown and Van Reipen.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for \$0,000 dollars to transfer said sum from general account to assessment account to repay loan of September 25, 1875.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for two hundred thousand dollars to transfer said sum from General Account to Assessment Account as a loan.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for the following amounts to transfer said sums to December interest account:

On General Account.....	\$1,851 50
On Assessment Account.....	51,308 38
On Water Account.....	8,680 00

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Fry, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, December 2, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of G. Glaubrecht, attorney of Moritz Hammerschlag, to have assessment apportioned; M. Graney and O. J. Marim, to have refunded money paid through error for taxes; and of Edward Evan, to have penalty on taxes remitted. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

A. W. Marinus \$19, for making and keeping fires in City Hall from October 26 to November 13, 1875; Wm. Brinkerhoff \$157 52, for taxed costs in two certiorari suits, referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts of City Treasury, November 26 to December 1, inclusive:

	General Account.	Assess'm't Fund.	Sinking Fund.	Water Account.
Nov. 26	\$3,703 55	\$254 27	\$9 50	\$6 55
Nov. 27.....	8,448 98	745 26	213 96	1,576 54
Nov. 28... ..	35 10 00	384 03	677 81	278 40
Nov. 30.....	13,194 14	1,273 15	196 09	3,461 58
Dec. 1.....	10,582 20	1,184 00	2,472 94	82,407 64
	\$73,099 85	\$3,840 65	\$3,470 24	\$38,379 81

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance credit Tax Account.....	\$25,497 79
Balance credit Assessment Account..	199,090 50
Balance credit Water Account.....	50,027 20
Balance credit Sinking Fund Account.	21,608 94

Ordered filed.

Nine concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works were read and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from City Clerk, concerning water rents of 1865, &c. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on petition of Thomas Noonan, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$5 25 be paid to Thomas Noonan to refund to him the amount, with penalty erroneously assessed against lot 32 Newark avenue, for water rent for bar for year 1874-5, the said assessment being erroneous as appears by affidavit of petitioner and certificate of Assessor of Water Rates.

On Concurrent Resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$46 40 be paid to Francis Riker for shoeing Street Department horses for July, 1875; \$37 10 to Francis Riker for shoeing Street Department horses for August, 1875, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for repaving, altering and building additions to Engine House No. 12 on Webster avenue, be and is hereby awarded to James Herbert and John Egan at the price named in their proposal, viz, \$2,987 that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be requested to have drawn and executed the proper contracts for the same, be and hereby are concurred in by the Board of Finance

and Taxation, with the express understanding that such contract shall be prepared in such manner as to effectually prevent any payment to said contractors in excess of the contract prices above named, so that the total cost of said building shall not exceed \$2,987.

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Board September 14, 1875, awarding the contract for furnishing and delivering at the High Service Pumping Station on Central avenue, one steam pump, boiler and all necessary appurtenances to Knowles & Sibley, be and the same is hereby rescinded, as Mr. Sibley is no longer a member of said firm; and

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing and delivering at the High Service Pumping Station on Central avenue, one steam pump, known as Knowles & Sibley's steam pump boiler and all necessary appurtenances, be and is hereby awarded to L. J. Knowles, proprietor of the Knowles Steam Pump Works, at the price named in his proposal, viz., \$2,675, that being the lowest bid received.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-seven hundred and eighty-five dollars and sixty-three cents (\$2,785 63) with interest from the date of judgment November 2, 1875, until date of payment, to be computed by the City Clerk and included in the warrant for payment under this order, be paid to William Brinkerhoff, attorney for Henry H. Newkirk, being amount of judgment and costs entered against the city in suit for Henry H. Newkirk's services as Clerk of Board of Public Works for 11½ months from May 1, 1874, to April 15, 1875.

Amount of damages 11½ months' services at \$2,750 per year with interest..\$2,722 02
Taxed costs..... 63 61

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,696 87, with interest from date of judgment, Nov. 2, 1875, until date of payment, to be computed by the City Clerk and included in the warrant for payment under this order, be paid to Wm. Brinkerhoff, attorney for James Reid, being amount of judgment and costs entered against the city in suit for James Reid's services as clerk to the committees of the Board of Public Works for 11½ months' services from May 1, 1874, to April 15, 1875.

Amount of damages for 11½ months' services at \$1,650 per annum with interest.....\$1,633 26
Taxed costs... .. 63 61

be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$14 10 be paid to Hugh F. McDermott for advertising.

Resolved, That the sum of \$35 10 be paid to Commercial Advertising Association for advertising sale of bonds.

Resolved, That the sum of \$65 51 be paid to J. W. Harrison for stationery for Collector's office.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$112 60 be paid to William P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney, for disbursements on city account in suits, &c.

Resolved, That the sum of \$157 59 be paid to William P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney, for disbursements on city account in suits, &c.

Resolved, That the sum of \$16 50 be paid to James K. Whyte for wood furnished at City Hall.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officers for \$70, to transfer said sum from interest account of April, 1874, to water account.

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 129, of an act entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City, passed March 31, 1871, bonds of Jersey City, either registered or coupon, to be denominated seven per cent Jersey City bonds, to the amount of \$300,000 in sums of \$1,000 each, to be in form similar to Jersey City Improvements Bonds, to bear date January 1, 1876, and payable January 1, 1906, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, be issued and sold, and the proceeds thereof be used for the payment of bonds due January 1,

1876, and that the Finance Committee is hereby authorized to negotiate the sale of, and sell said bonds for the best price that can be obtained within the charter limits.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for twenty thousand dollars, on account of tax of State and County for 1874.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the resolution be laid on the table for one week.

On motion the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, December 9, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of First Baptist Church, to have assessment for taxes cancelled.

Stephen B. Vreeland, to have refunded money paid in error for water rent.

William Wilson, Cornelius H. Carling, L. H. Coover and Abram P. Newkirk, to have refunded money paid in error for taxes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

The Argus, \$45 70, for advertising. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, showing the following receipts to City Treasury, December 2 to 8, inclusive:

Date	General account.	Assessment account.	Sinking fund.	Water account.
Dec. 2.	\$11 531 87	\$366 70	\$998 53	\$2 391 25
Dec. 3.	17 457 09	202 55	916 75	805 87
Dec. 4.	15 292 77	40 20	406 29	868 40
Dec. 6.	22 219 75	2 008 61	4 5 12	00 00
Dec. 7.	9 510 91	4 190 98	71 20	4 485 27
Dec. 8.	15 805 29	233 78	205 20	229 25
	\$80 136 98	\$7 6 8 61	\$3 013 00	\$8 236 04

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account..... \$91,686 19
 Balance credit assessment account.... 61,647 75
 Balance credit water account..... 49,256 57
 Balance credit sinking fund account. 30,440 27
 Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on petitions of William H. Daly, Edward Soper, Esther Lichtenstein, A. M. Capen, Ann Bedford, J. G. Torrilham and Maria Kirkman, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the sum of \$5 36 be paid to Wm H. Daly, to refund to him amount twice paid on part of lots 25 and 28, block 184.

Resolved, that the sum of \$35 19 be paid to Stephen Morgan, attorney for Edward Soper, to refund to him the amount of personal and poll taxes for the years 1872, 1873 and 1874, assessed to Captain George Collins, and paid by said Morgan through mistake, while paying the tax against parts of lots 21 and 22, block 34, Hudson street, owned by Edward Soper, as appears by affidavit, and certificate annexed to said petition.

Resolved, that the assessment for taxes on personal property of Esther Lichtenstein for the years 1872, '73 and '74 be cancelled, and the said tax and tax bills be corrected, as the said Esther Lichtenstein resided out of this State during the three years as specified above.

Resolved, that upon the receipt by the City Collector of the taxes, penalty and interest for the year 1874, on a valuation of \$500, he be directed to cancel the taxes for the said year against lot 62, block 632, Kearney avenue, assessed to A. M. Capen, the said property being a vacant lot, and having been erroneously assessed as a house and lot.

Resolved, that the sum of \$73 90 be paid to Ann Bedford, to refund to her amount twice paid on lot 23, on Eighth street, in block 319.

Resolved, that the sum of \$10 be paid to Mr. J. G. Torrilham, the same being amount wrongly assessed against his property on Grove street, for hire of water for soda fountain, as your committee are satisfied after inquiry, that the same was erroneous, and ought not to have been charged.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be authorized to cancel the sale for unpaid taxes of 1869 against lots 17, 18 and 19, in block 132, upon payment by Mrs. Maria Kirkham of the amount of taxes assessed against said lots for said year, with interest and penalties on the same, with a proportionate amount of the costs of said sale.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were all adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported adverse to granting the petitions of Edward Evans and George Glaubrecht, attorneys for Moritz Hemmerschlag, for the reason that the Board have no power in the premises. The same committee also reported recommending that the communication received from the City Clerk, December 2, 1875, concerning water rents of 1875, etc., be filed.

The reports were received and adopted.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$96 26 be paid to B. F. Champney, Jr., for hay and feed for pipe yard, September and October, 1875; \$275 75 to National Meier Company, for one 4-inch meter; \$2 to John W. Harrison, for one box soap; \$4 to John W. Harrison, for 500 blank requisitions; \$39 55 to John W. Harrison, for stationery and postage stamps for water Registrar; \$6 65 to Edwin Moore, for setting water meter; \$15 00 to J. C. Lawrence for one horse-blanket and repairing harness for tapper's horse; \$40 70 to Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas consumed at office Board of Public Works from Oct. 1, 1874, to Jan. 1, 1875; \$3 75 to D. Steele for repairing chairs; \$27 25 to John Anness for soap and repairing furnaces at Board of Works office; \$160 80 to W. H. Hogan for coal and wood; \$30 to State Insurance Company for insurance on School-house No. 8; \$30 to Hudson Insurance Company for insurance on School-house No. 8; \$22 60 to the Argus for advertising corporation notices; \$47 40 to Hudson County German Publishing Association for advertising corporation notices from June 5 to Sept. 11, 1875; \$57 and \$17 50 to John W. Harrison for stationery and blanks; \$1 70 to John W. Harrison for stationery for Wardinger at Public Dock.

Resolved, that \$195 16 be paid to Warner & Carscallen for hay and feed for Street Department for month of October; \$6 to William Crosby for 40 loads of stone-chips; \$34 85 to John A. Vail for repairs to street department harness; \$17 50 to J. S. Washburn for shoeing Street Department horse, month of October, 1875; \$163 85 to Adolph Luck for carting sewer refuse, month of October; \$35 65 to Francis Kiker for shoeing Street Department horses during month of September, 1875; \$17 50 to Robert Muirhead for 50 feet of curb; \$22 65 to F. Kiker for shoeing Street Department horses for month of October; \$54 89 to E. M. Pritchard for lumber for Street Department for month of October; \$457 10 to E. M. Pritchard for lumber for Street Department for months of October and November, 1875; \$2 to John W. Harrison for time books for Street Department; \$122 68 to John Anness for rubber boots for Street and Sewer Department; \$50 to G. P. Howell, agent, for use of a stable for Street Department for six months, ending November 1; \$68 16 to James Hetherington for hay and feed for month of October; \$17 27 to Washburn & Campbell for cement, brick and sand.

Resolved, That \$12 be paid to Jas. R. Whyte for one cord of kindling wood; \$35 75 to Hewes & Phillips for repairs to machinery at Belleville; \$10 13 to John Anness for lamp chimneys and solder; \$8 to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company for unions and elbows for Belleville; \$122 78 to Hewes & Phillips for repairs to valve and air pump at Belleville; \$95 to Keefe Bros. for one platform scale; \$3 50 to J. E. Carpenter & Co. for packing and kerosene oil for Belleville Works; \$8 to Bernhardt & Co. for one horse and wagon to Belleville; \$3 50 to J. C. Lawrence for one horse blanket; \$80 38 to

Robert Campbell for coal for High Service Works; \$397 19 to Hewes & Phillips for four composition valves for Engine No. 3, at Belleville; \$25 to Henry R. Worthington for supplies for water meters; \$25 35 to Washburn & Campbell for cement and lath for pipe yard; \$7 50 to J. C. Lawrence for repairs to harness at pipe yard; \$27 70 to G. J. Holbrook for repairing roof at pipe yard; \$228 60 to C. A. Woolsey & Co., for pig lead; \$3 69 to J. E. Carpenter & Co. for emery cloth, nails, &c., for pipe yard.

Resolved, That \$21 38 be paid to John Anness for galvanized pipe, padlocks, &c., for Morgan street dock, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the resolution in reference to State and County tax laid on the table at the last meeting, be taken from the table.

By Mr. Fry, as a substitute:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for \$50,000, on account of State and County tax of 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays,

the resolution of Mr. Fry was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Ogden, and adopted:

Moved, That the Board take a recess of one hour.

Upon the re-assembling of the Board.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported correct the claim of A. W. Marinus, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$19 be paid to A. W. Marinus for making fires at City Hall from Oct. 26 to Nov. 13, 1875, previous to the appointment of the present City Marshal.

The President, calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That on and after to-day the services of Mr. E. S. Pigot, as clerk in Collector's office, be dispensed with, and that his pay cease from the time he ceased to render services to the Collector.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, December 16, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Seth Billington, John Smith and Wm. West to have refunded money paid in error for taxes. William Cummings to have tax on personal property remitted. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from E. S. Pigott.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be received and laid on the table.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Pangborn, Dunning & Dear \$147 50 for advertising; John A. Nugent \$60 for stenographers' fees in case Hughes and Matthew against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City; Hugh F. McDermott \$250 for publishing minutes for the month of November, 1875. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, showing the following receipts to the City Treasury, December 9 to 15, 1875:

Date.	General account.	Assessment account.	Sinking fund.	Water account.
Dec. 9.	\$19,201 10	\$281 18	\$369 25	\$748 34
Dec. 10.	12 805 62	644 31	71 58	143 15
Dec. 11.	14 97 45	202 20	85 00	721 91
Dec. 13.	11 951 93	164 14	80 59	56 20
Dec. 14.	19 561 62	79 13	108 21	190 75
Dec. 15.	14 662 85	575 89	82 80	472 31

\$98,370 97 \$2,672 20 \$744 43 \$8,543 68

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city, at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$170 902 91
Balance credit assessment account....	48 926 70
Balance credit water account.....	52,138 52
Balance credit sinking fund account..	31,112 09

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, ordering payment of sundry claims. Referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, directing the issuing of bonds. Laid on the table.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, Dec. 8, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The claim of the Assessor of the Second District in eighteen hundred and seventy-four to be compensated extra, or in addition to the salary paid under the city charter, "for making out" (in June and July of that year) "5,018 notices to tax-payers as per statute, at two cents" for each notice, referred to Counsel for opinion, I have only considered, and submit opinion as follows:

The compensation claimed is for services said to have been rendered under the provisions of the act entitled "An act creating a County Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation, and for equalizing assessments for taxes in the County of Hudson," approved April 4, 1873, which act provides duties for the Assessors, and regulates the compensation therefor.

The 11th section of said act provides that when the bill for such service as the act requires of the Assessor is sworn to and approved as therein provided, such bill "shall be paid by the city or township from which the Assessor making the same is appointed or elected."

Assuming that the service was performed, and that the bill for such service meets all the requirements of that particular statute, is the claim thus made a debt or liability of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City which the

city is required to pay or may lawfully pay? To determine this question it is necessary to consider the provisions of the city charter respecting the Assessors and their compensation.

March 27, 1874, subsequent to the passage of the act under which the claim is made, there was enacted by the Legislature a supplement to the Jersey City charter, the 17th section of which supplement limited and fixed the salaries to be paid to the respective officers named in that section, among which officers named are the Assessors, and in which section providing an annual salary for the Assessors respectively in lieu of the salary theretofore paid them, it is enacted in this language, to wit: "That there shall be paid to each assessor one thousand five hundred dollars in full compensation for all the duties required for such assessor by the act to which this is a supplement, and the supplements thereto, or by any statute, general or special, and in lieu of all other fees or perquisites to which such assessor would be otherwise entitled by any general or special statute, so far as the same are required to be paid out of the treasury of Jersey City."

This section of said supplement is broad, comprehensive and specific. It not only provides an annual salary and limits the amount to be paid, but by the most explicit and positive language, it is therein enacted that such payment shall be full compensation for all the duties required of such assessor either by the charter or its supplements, or by any other law, general or special, and then as if to remove all possible doubt, there is added the further provision, to wit: "As in lieu of all other fees or perquisites to which such assessor would be entitled," (if such supplement had not intervened,) "by any general or special statute, so far as the same are required to be paid out of the treasury of Jersey City." There can be no doubt, I think, as to the intention of the legislature contained in said section 17 of the charter supplement, and that intention is clearly, emphatically and most definitely expressed by the plain and unmistakable language therein employed.

This charter supplement also contains a general repealer in these words to-wit, (section 26), "And be it enacted, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall be a public act, and shall take effect immediately."

Subsequent to the passage of said charter supplement, to wit; on the 9th day of April, 1874, the claimant was appointed Assessor for the Second District of Jersey City, and in accepting the office and entering upon the discharge of its duties, thereby undertook to discharge all the duties of that office, and was bound to accept, in full compensation therefor, the salary named in such supplement.

But the claimant nevertheless insists that he is not concluded by the charter supplement, and that his claim remains a valid one under the provisions of said first entitled act, of April 4, 1873, under which the claim is made, which provision is contained in the last section of that act, in language as follows: "And no act shall repeal this act unless the title of this act shall be especially referred to in any repealing act." Claimant's insistent then is, that neither the act under which his claim is made nor any of its provisions could be repealed except in the manner therein provided, that is, by referring to the act by its title.

And with this insistent as a major premise, claimant reasons that as the charter supplement does not refer to this County act of 1873 by its title, therefore none of the provisions of that County act are repealed by the supplement, and claimant's right to extra compensation remains valid.

In other words, to sustain the claimant it is necessary to hold that one Legislature has the power to direct the method of enactments by a subsequent Legislature, and to prescribe the language to be employed in the repeal of a statute.

Neither the text writers nor the courts, so far as I have examined the books on this subject, have sustained such a view or doctrine, respecting the power of one legislature to control the acts of a subsequent legislature. Claimant admits the authority of the subsequent legislature to repeal the act in question, or any parts of it, but insists that such repeal can only be accomplished by referring to the act by its title and because that provision is contained in the act itself.

The doctrine is ancient and well established that "Acts of parliament derogatory to the power of subsequent parliaments bind not," 1 Blackstone's commentaries, 90.

The act of one legislature is not binding upon a subsequent legislature (except where it would impair the obligation of a contract.) *Armstrong vs. Commissioners, etc., 4 Blackf. (Ind.) 208; Hamrick vs. Rouse, (17 Geo. 56;) Wall vs. State, (23 Indiana 150; Cooley's Const Law, second edition, 125, etc.; Bloomer vs. Stoly, 5 McLean, 158.*

One legislature cannot bind a future one to a particular mode of repeal, *Kelly vs. Oshkosh, 14 Wis. 623.*

In *Brighman vs. Kriner, 23 Wis. 54*, it was held that one legislature cannot be bound by the act of another, as to the mode in which it shall exercise its constitutional powers.

In the case of *Morgan vs. Smith*, reported in 4 Miss. 104, the court held that no legislature can prescribe to a subsequent one the only manner in which any law can be modified, amended or repealed.

This then narrows the consideration to the question as to the intention of the legislature in the passage of the charter supplement of 1874, so far as the Assessor's compensation is concerned.

This charter supplement has an express clause of repealer, repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith. Section 11 of the act of 1873 is repugnant to and inconsistent with the charter supplement of 1874, section 17, and is necessarily repealed by the latter. *State vs. Kelly, 5 Vroom, 73; Sedgwick on State and Constitutional Law, 124; State vs. Blake, 6 Vroom, 208, 215; Giddings vs. Cox, 31 Vermont, 6 and 7.*

In my opinion the language employed in section 17, of the charter supplement of 1874, admits of no doubt as to the intention of the legislature, and the intention there clearly expressed gives and secures to an assessor an annual salary of \$1,500, in full compensation for all duties by whatever law required, so far as payment is to be made out of the treasury of Jersey City. I therefore recommend the claim be disallowed and payment refused.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel,

Ordered entered in full upon the minutes and the opinion placed on file.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on the petitions of G. Vreeland, O. J. Marvin, Stephen B. Vreeland, Cornelius H. Carling and M. Grary, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sale made by the Corporation of the City of Bergen March 7, 1870, of lots 75 and 76 Grove street, in block 73, for taxes of 1868, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that said taxes were paid March 4, 1870, to the Collector, and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury in favor of G. Vreeland, the purchaser, for \$12 80, with interest thereon, at the rate of seven per cent per annum from date of sale, to refund the purchase money paid by him; the warrant to be delivered upon his surrendering to the City Clerk for cancelling the declaration of sale for said lots.

Resolved, That the petition of O. J. Marvin for taxes twice paid be returned to him as the matter complained of has been fully settled as per City Collector's book.

Resolved, That the sum of \$4 75 be paid to Stephen B. Vreeland to refund to him amount paid in error on plot 6, block 141, Tuers avenue, for water rents of 1873-74.

Resolved, That the sum of \$1 poll tax be paid to C. H. Carling to refund to him amount paid in error, he being a non-resident of this State and therefore is not liable for the payment of the same.

Resolved, That the petition of Michael Grary for taxes paid in error be referred to the City Collector, and he be directed to transfer the amount of \$22 17, twice paid on lot 44, to lot 43, block 772.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Public Buildings, Grounds and Parks be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for constructing a fire-proof vault in connection with the office of the Board of Public Works, for the purpose of storing and protecting from fire the important and valuable maps, papers, vouchers, etc., belonging to this Board, and which, in case of fire, would be totally destroyed, entailing a serious and irreparable loss on the city, be and is hereby not concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation for the reason that the Board of Public Works have purchased a new safe for the said purpose since the passage of the said resolution.

Resolved, That the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the city charter, and discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works, dependent on the several committees thereof, said committees, by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, be and are hereby authorized to expend, during the next three months ensuing, for incidental expenses and other matters not heretofore concurred in, an amount of money not exceeding the several amounts set opposite each committee:

Streets and Sewers.....	\$6,000
Extension and Distributions.....	3,500
Pumping and Reservoirs.....	6,000
Water Rates and Assessments.....	1,500
Public Buildings and Grounds.....	2,125
Printing and Stationery.....	625

Resolved, That \$4 50 be paid to the estate of James Currie for 15 yards of earth filling at 30c per yard; \$25 20 to Francis Riker for picks and crowbars furnished for street and sewer department be, and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The Special Committee appointed by resolution of your Board at its meeting held November 24, respectfully reports in reference to the lease of engine house in Erie street, that the same was leased by the city to Robert B. Schiner and others on the 15th day of March, 1873, at an annual rental of three hundred and fifty dollars, payable semi-annually, in advance, and they find by reference to the Comptroller's books that the rent has been paid in full to September 15, 1875, in accordance with the terms of the lease, except the semi-annual payments, have been made at the end of every six months instead of in advance as the lease requires. Your committee would recommend that the City Treasurer be requested to insist upon a literal fulfillment of the terms of the lease in that regard.

The report was received and adopted.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported correct the claims of the Argus and Wm. Brinkerhoff, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$39 10 be paid to the Argus, for advertising notice of payment of taxes of 1875, and meetings of Commissioners of Appeals.

Resolved, That the sum of \$157 81, be paid to Wm. Brinkerhoff, Attorney, in full, of taxed costs in the following entitled cases, viz.:

State, John Jackson, prosecutor, vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City; amount	\$47 27
The State, Joseph Eager et al., vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City; amount	88 27
State, David S. Holden et al., vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City; amount.....	22 27

Total.....\$157 81

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolutions were adopted unanimously,

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted :

Moved, That the communication from E. S. Pigott be taken from the table and referred to a special committee of one

The President appointed Mr. Fry as the said committee.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works be taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, adopted April 29, 1876, directing the issuing of bonds to be denominated Jersey City Water Script to the amount of \$40,000, referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions April 29, 1875, be taken from the said committee and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday December 23, 1875, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

By Mr. Brown and adopted. Moved that the bids received for the purchase of bonds be opened.

The following bids were opened and read:

Orient Insurance Company—\$5,000 at 103.15; \$5,000 at 103.80; \$5,000 at 103.45; \$5,000 at 103.60.

John L. Williams—\$5,000 at par, Alex. Fraser—\$50,000 at 101, William J. Harding—\$2,000 at 100.30, H. T. Morgan & Co.—\$50,000 at 103.15, N. C. Garretson—\$3,000 at 103.10, Rufus Park & Co.—15,000 at 102.05, Henry A. Boonham—\$7,000 at 102.50, William J. Quinlan, Jr.—\$50,000 at 100.51 and \$50,000 at 100.52.

George K. Sigare, Jr.—\$50,000 at 103.55%, J. L. Myers—\$200,000 at 103.67, Vermilye & Co.—\$50,000 at 103.75, Hudson Insurance Co.—\$5,000 at 104.15 and \$5,000 at 104.25.

Loomis L. White & Co.—\$300,000 at 103, Phebe Bagshaw—\$9,000 at 102.25, C. Zabriskie—\$75,000 at 104.10, J. Lamb—\$75,000 at 104.05.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the bids be laid on the table for the present.

The petition of William Van Keuren to have refunded money paid through error for taxes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

James W. Wakefield, \$3 for posting bills; John Kennard, \$74.75 for stationery; N. Y. Times, \$52 for advertising. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims. N. B. Shafer, \$616.50 for amount of judgment against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Laid on the table.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From his Honor, the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE.
JERSEY CITY, Dec. 20, 1875. }

To the Honorable, the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to you, without my signature, the annexed resolution passed by your Board on the 9th inst., viz:

Resolution to pay Ann Bedford \$73.90, William H. Baly \$5.36, and Stephen Morgan \$36.19.

As to the first two, the same are too general, and should specify why these amounts were twice paid, and, in case of error, resolution should show error, irrespective of proof. As to the claim of Stephen Morgan, unfortunately the charter does not provide for the return of money paid for another by mistake into the City Treasury. Would refer you to the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the subject.

Respectfully yours, HENRY TRAPHAGEN,
Mayor.

Laid on the table for one week.

From the City Comptroller, showing the following receipts to the City Treasury, December 16 to 22, inclusive:

	General Account.	Assessm't Account.	Sinking Fund.	Water Account.
Dec 16.....	\$19,585.04	.....	\$222.28	\$77.17
Dec. 17.....	19,730.31	441.91	364.95	216.40
Dec. 18.....	19,142.66	320.33	192.88	212.99
Dec. 20.....	61,475.78	11,145.13	223.08	817.74
Dec. 21.....	6,799.26	481.93	58.22	134.00
Dec. 22.....	22,338.31	918.97	226.99	137.10
	\$206,811.30	\$13,311.32	\$1,291.40	\$1,695.40

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city at the close of business this day:

Balance credit Tax Account.....	\$95,455.51
Balance credit Assessment Account.....	65,853.40
Balance credit Water Account.....	39,381.44
Balance credit Sinking Fund Account.....	32,420.64

Ordered filed,

From the Corporation Attorney, in reference to claim of Henry Traphagen, and the petition of Aaron H. Wellington. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$9.87 be paid to L. H. Coover, to refund to him amount paid in error on parts of lots 21 and 22, in block 220.

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel the assessment for taxes of 1874 on part of lot No. 23, in block No. 2, as the property was used (and is at the present time) for church purposes prior to the confirmation of said tax for the year 1874.

Resolved, That the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$12 be paid to L. J. Holbrook, for two casks of pitch, \$44.35 to Jas. Coleman, for shoeing Street Department horses April 9 to November 22, 1875; \$196.86 to Jas. Hetherington, for hay and feed for month of November, 1875; \$76.80 to Patrick Hughes, for repairs to Street Department caris from October 17 to November 24, 1875; \$24.81 to E. M. Pritchard, for lumber for month of November; \$36 to Jersey City Gas Light Company, for forty-eight barrels of tar for top dressing wooden pavement; \$133.40 to Thacker & Son, for repairs to Street Department tools from June 26 to November 18, 1875; \$191.91 to E. O'Donnell, for hay and feed for Street Department horses from September 9 to 24; \$313 and \$238.38 to Warner & Carscallen, for hay and feed for Street Department horses for month of November; \$220.33 to John Anness, for shovels, brooms, ropes, nails, &c., for Street Department for November, 1875; \$317.50 to Stevens & McLain, for ten fire hydrants; \$9 to M. Masterson, for twelve pile heads; \$164.35 and \$25.24 to R. D. Wood & Co., for branches and reduce for Jersey City pipe yard; \$456 to R. D. Wood & Co., for twelve 3-inch fire hydrants.

Resolved, That \$254.40 be paid to Charles A. Woolsey for pig lead; \$453.35 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company for furnishing and laying water pipe in Reservoir avenue; \$27.70 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company for connecting pipe in Reservoir avenue with pipe in Webster avenue; \$11.38 to Charles Scott for carpenter work at office of Board of Public Works, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS

The Committee on Finance recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$25 be paid to B. F. Champney for expenses sending man to Trenton for Finance Committee concerning stolen bonds.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the claim of H. T. Lee, being invalid and contrary to law as per the written opinion of the Corporation Counsel, that therefore the claim is one that cannot be paid by this Board.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the claim of N. B. Shafer be taken from the table and referred to the Board of Aldermen.

By Mr. Fry:

Moved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery inform the papers authorized to publish the minutes of this Board, that the said minutes must appear in the papers not later than Monday in each week.

By Mr. Ogden, as an amendment;

Moved, That the Clerk see the proprietors of the said papers in reference to the said matter. The amendment was lost.

The original motion was adopted.

By Mr. Ogden:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to send to this Board a copy of opinion or communication, sent by such officer to the Board of Education, or to the Finance Committee of said Board, in February last, respecting the right or authority of such Board to obligate the city beyond the amount appropriated to that Board.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for three hundred and 40-100 dollars to transfer said sum from water account to general account for printing and advertising paid for by general account.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for the followingsums, to be deposited in the Hudson County Bank to the credit of interest account of January, 1876:

On general account.....	\$63,352
On assessment account.....	20,000
On water account.....	40,000

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Brown:

Moved, That we now proceed to award the bonds to all bidders who offer over 104.

By Mr. Fry, as an amendment:

Moved, That all bids for bonds over 104 be taken up and acted upon separately.

The amendment was adopted.

The original motion was then adopted as amended.

The following bids were then read and, on motion, accepted;

The Hudson Insurance Company—\$5,000 at 104.15, \$5,000 at 104.25.

C. Zabriske—\$75,000 at 104.10.

J. Lamb—\$75,000 at 104.05.

By Mr. Fry:

Moved, That the verbal bid of Mr. Corwin be accepted, and award made to him to the amount of his bid.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was lost by the following vote;

Ayes—Messrs. Brown and Fry,

Nays—President Vanderbeek, Messrs. Ogden and Van Reipen

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That all the rest of the bids be rejected.

By Mr. Fry:

Moved, That the balance of the bonds over and above those awarded at this meeting be placed in the hands of the Finance Committee to be disposed of by them at a rate not less than 104½.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the bonds of Jersey City ordered issued by a resolution of this Board, passed December 2, 1875, be dated January 3, 1876, and be payable January 3, 1906, instead of as directed in such resolution, and that so much of said resolution authorizing the issue of said bonds as is in conflict with the dates contained in this resolution, be and the same is so modified as to conform hereto.

Resolved, That in pursuance of two certain resolutions of the Board of Public Works of Jersey City, to wit: one resolution passed by

said Board at a meeting of that Board, held April 29, 1875, and the other resolution passed by said Board at a meeting held December 14, 1875, and duly approved by the Mayor of Jersey City, authorizing the issue of the bonds of said city, under section eighty (80) of the act entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City," passed March 31, 1871, and the supplements thereto, to be denominated on the face, "Jersey City Water Scrip," to the amount of sixty thousand dollars, being the total amount embraced in said two resolutions, and directing the Board of Finance and Taxation of said city to issue and sell said bonds in accordance with the provisions of section 80 aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered by the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City, that the said bonds of said city, pursuant to said section 80 of the city charter and the supplements thereto, to be denominated on the face "Jersey City Water Scrip," to the amount of sixty thousand dollars (in sums of not less than \$1,000 each) be issued and sold as provided in said section 80 of said act; and said bonds to bear date January the third, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and to be payable in thirty years from their date, with interest at seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and to be in form similar to the "Jersey City Water Scrip" heretofore issued, and said bonds to be registered bonds, and signed and sealed as required by law; and that in accordance with the foregoing the Committee on Printing is authorized hereby to have said bonds printed; and the Committee on Finance of the Board of Finance and Taxation is hereby authorized and instructed to sell said bonds for the purposes aforesaid, and as the proceeds thereof may be required at either public or private sale, as may be for the best interest of the city, and for the best price that can be obtained, not in violation of the charter.

Resolved, That in pursuance of a resolution passed by the Board of Public Works of Jersey City at a meeting of said Board held Dec. 14, 1875, and approved by the Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of the Jersey City charter requiring and directing the issue of bonds of said city to an amount not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), for the purpose of raising and defraying the costs of certain public improvements, to wit: purchase of lot for School No. 6, rebuilding School No. 8; out-building for School No. 6; rebuilding house for Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; additions and alterations to Engine House No. 12. Now, therefore, the Board of Finance and Taxation, in conformity with the said resolution and requisition from the Board of Public Works, and pursuant to section 71 of the Jersey City Charter, passed March 31, 1871, and under the authority of said charter and the supplements thereto, and in accordance with the provisions contained in section 130 of said charter, hereby authorizes and orders the issue and sale of bonds of Jersey City to the amount of sixty thousand dollars (in sums of not less than \$1,000 each) for the purposes aforesaid, to wit: to provide for the cost of improvements directed to be borne by the city at large, and embraced in the foregoing requisition from the Board of Public Works; said bonds to bear date January the third, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, payable in thirty years from date, with interest at seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and to be registered bonds, in form similar to Jersey City Improvement bonds, to be signed and sealed as required by the city charter, and the Committee on Printing is directed to prepare and have printed said bonds, and the Committee on Finance of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the sale of and sell said bonds at public or private sale for the best price that can be obtained (within the charter limit) for the purposes aforesaid.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, December 30, 1875, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.
Petition of John G. Boughton to have refunded money paid in error for taxes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Wm. Brinkerhoff, attorney, \$22 27 and \$22 27 for taxed bills of costs in two certiorari suits. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:
From his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, Dec. 30, 1875. }

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to you, without my signature, the annexed resolution to pay Michael Graney, \$22 12, for the following reason: Because the resolution is too general, and does not state in what year the tax was twice paid. Resolutions of this character should be specific, and contain everything, independent of proof.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY TRAPHAGEN, Mayor.

Laid on the table for one week.

From the City Comptroller reporting the following receipts to City Treasurer from December 23 to 29, inclusive:

Date.	General	As'ment	Sinking	Water
	Acc't.	Acc't.	Fund.	Acc't.
Dec. 23	- \$11,477 40	\$954 02	\$239 43	\$199 79
Dec. 24	- 8,916 27	790 92	217 30	511 07
Dec. 27	- 4,952 28	240 02		140 35
Dec. 28	- 5,374 06	43 40	127 69	62,502 02
Dec. 29	- 8,143 42	270 02	581 63	1,347 85

\$35,893 49 \$2,298 88 \$1,166 05 \$65,001 08

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank, at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account	- - -	\$22,641 12
Balance credit assessment account	- - -	65,526 50
Balance credit water account	- - -	101,956 51
Balance credit sinking account	- - -	33,088 77

Ordered filed.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners:

JERSEY CITY, December 30, 1875.
To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:
Gentlemen—Annexed is a copy of a resolution, passed by the Board of Fire Commissioners, December 29, 1875.

Respectfully,

JOHN T. DENMEAD, Clerk.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby respectfully petitioned to credit this Board, for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1875, with the balance of appropriation and amount deposited for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1874.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Corporation Counsel:

JERSEY CITY, December 30, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In compliance with the resolution of your Board, passed at its last meeting, I herewith send to your Board copy of an opinion furnished the Committee on Finance of the Board of Education, February 22, 1875, respecting the appropriation made to that Board, and also a copy of the communication from the Clerk of the Board of Education, asking for an opinion in behalf of such Finance Committee. By the opinion furnished, it will be seen that the Department of Education was thereby early advised as to the appropriation, warned respecting the Charter provisions, and cautioned against a violation of the Charter. Very respectfully,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

OFFICE DIRECTORS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION, }
February 11, A. D. 1875. }

William A. Lewis, Esq., Corporation Counsel:

Dear Sir—I have been requested by the Finance Committee of our Board to ask your opinion of the following:

If, before the end of the fiscal year, there is not sufficient money left to the credit of the account of salaries or claims to meet all the claims ordered paid at that time, can the deficiency be made up legally by paying out of the appropriation of the next year, thus reducing the new appropriation? Yours, &c.,

(Signed) MARTIN FINCK, Clerk of Board.

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, February 22, 1875. }

Martin Finck, Esq., Clerk of Board of Education:

Dear Sir—In answer to the inquiry you make in behalf of, and at the request of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education, respecting any deficiency of appropriation at the end of the year to meet the obligations of the Board, and whether "such deficiency can be made up legally by paying out of the appropriation of the next year, thereby reducing the next appropriation," I reply as follows: The theory and provisions of the city charter are, that the Board of Finance and Taxation shall each year fix the "appropriation" for the several boards of the city government. In support of this statement see section 17, on page 16 of the charter, which requires each Board, (the Finance Board excepted) to present in writing to the Finance Board an estimate of the expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year (and of its receipts), and likewise an account of its financial affairs during the previous fiscal year. The object of this section would seem to be for the information of the Finance Board, and to enable that Board to judge of the reasonable necessity of each Board for the ensuing fiscal year.

Next, turn to section 129, on pages 69 and 70 of the charter, wherein the "general management and care of the finances of said city, and the several departments thereof," are committed to the Board of Finance and Taxation.

This last section expressly provides that the Board of Finance shall annually, in the month of July, after considering the estimates and recommendations of the several boards, "fix the amount to be raised by tax each year for the various purposes of this act, and the amount so fixed shall be the appropriation and limit of expenditures for the said purposes," (except where otherwise provided in the charter.) The charter controls this question. Its requirements are law to be acquiesced in, and it is not for me to pass upon the wisdom of its provisions, but simply upon the fact of its provisions, and give a legal and reasonable construction to such charter provisions as the Legislature has been pleased to enact. By the plain language of this last section, the Finance Board is charged with the duty of fixing the amount of the appropriation for each Board, and the amount thus fixed and appropriated shall be the limit of expenditures. This language is not only plain but emphatic, and does not admit of a doubt as to its meaning or the extent of its application.

In July last the Finance Board fixed the appropriation of the Board of Education for the ensuing fiscal year, from December 1, 1874, to December 1, 1875. I do not understand it is competent for the Education Board to exceed that appropriation, either in its expenditures or obligations during that period. If it could obligate the city beyond the amount thus fixed, then it would defeat the plain provision of the charter, which fixes the limit of expenditures. If the provision means anything, it clearly means that not only shall the Board, and each Board, not exceed its appropriation in the disbursements it orders, but that it shall not incur indebtedness beyond its ability to pay, which ability is measured by the appropriations. The appropriation is the limit fixed.

In my opinion under the charter as it stands, it is neither wise nor lawful to "discount" the future by obligating the city beyond the present ability of the Board to pay. The appropriation is the

limit. It is prudent to keep within the limit, and I advise strict conformity to the charter.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

Entered in the minutes and filed.

One concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had sold all the bonds which were not disposed of at the last meeting for \$104.25, except \$80,000 of coupon and \$20,000 of registered bonds. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions, offered the following reports:

On petition of Aaron H. Wellington, adverse to granting the same, for the reason that this Board has been advised by the Corporation Council, "That he does not find any authority warranting this Board in making and levying assessments, revising or redistributing the same."

On the petitions of Wm. Van Keuren, Wm. Cummings, Wm. Wilson and John Smith, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$76 34 be paid to Wm. Van Keuren, to refund to him amount twice paid on lot 35, block 558.

Resolved, That the petition of Wm. Cummings be returned to him, as the petitioner's affidavit is insufficient to warrant other action of this Board, and there is nothing to prevent petitioner paying the taxes on real estate, as that is not the subject of complaint.

Resolved, That the petition of Wm. Wilson be returned to him, as this Board has no authority to correct the error complained of, and your committee would refer the petitioner to section 5, page 208, Charter of Jersey City, which, in the opinion of your committee, is applicable to the case complained of.

Resolved, That the sum of \$56 be paid to John Smith, to refund to him amount twice paid on lot 3, block 447.

On concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$499 89 be paid to S. C. Prescott, for top dressing Communipaw avenue and Grand street; \$112 80 to William A. Kearns, for gravel for top dressing wooden pavement; \$16 05 to Francis Riker, for shoeing Street Department horses for month of November; \$331 45 to J. C. Lawrence, for repairs to harness for Street Department from October 28 to November 29, 1875; \$15 80 and \$9 to Carbon Iron Roofing Company, for pitch for top dressing wooden pavement; \$87 25 to John Killen, for repairs to Street Department tools from April 27 to November 18, 1875; \$14 75 to Simion Josephs, for setting lights of glass at reservoir; \$8 75 to J. Stanford, for carting machinery at Belleville; \$179 66 to Keeney & Snow, for lumber for Belleville Water Works; \$230 78 to C. A. Woolsey, for pig lead; \$120 to Mohawk Manufacturing Co., for two 10-inch eddy valves; \$345 to Mohawk Manufacturing Co., for one 24-inch eddy valve; \$70 23 to Keeney & Snow, for lumber at pipe yard.

Resolved, That \$33 31 be paid to A. Ingwersen, for glazing at office and corporation stables from May 24 to November 27, 1875; \$16 67 to Keeney & Snow, for lumber for pipe yard; \$43 25 to Keeney & Snow, for lumber for pipe yard for months of September, October and November, 1875; \$55 59 to B. F. Champney, Jr., for hay and feed for pipe yard horses for month of November; be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The communication from his Honor the Mayor, laid on the table December 23, 1875, vetoing the resolution refunding money to Ann Bedford, Wm. H. Daly and Stephen Morgan, was read.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be laid on the table until the next regular meeting, and that in the meanwhile the Clerk be requested to send the original petitions and certificates to his Honor the Mayor with the resolutions.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions,

Resolved, That the sum of \$3 be paid to James W. Wakefield for posting notices of time of payment of taxes.

Resolved, That the sum of \$60 be paid to John A. Nugent for 600 folios, copy of case Hughes and Matthews vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Resolved, That the sum of \$151 50 be paid to Fangborn, Dunning & Dear for printing minutes of this Board, &c., &c.

Resolved, That the sum of \$74 75 be paid to John Kennard for stationery and blanks for City Clerk and Collector's offices.

Resolved, That the sum of \$250, claimed by Hugh F. McDermott to be due him for publishing the minutes of all the official Boards of this city for the month of November, 1875, cannot be paid, for the reason that there is no warrant of law for so doing, as the Jersey City Herald has never been authorized to publish the same.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for the following amounts, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of January Interest Account, 1876:

On Assessment Account, - \$42,930 00

On Water Account, - - 31,415 00

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for twenty-five thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from Water Account to General Account, to repay loan of November 11, 1875.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. B. Cleveland for seven hundred dollars, interest due January 3, 1876, from July 3, 1875, to January 3, 1876, on retained payment on contract for paving Grand street (Bell Creek to Bergen avenue), as per terms of contract, dated April 16, 1870, on file in the office of the City Comptroller.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for one hundred thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from General Account to Assessment Account, as a loan.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for payment of salaries for month of December, 1875, when due, viz.:

Henry Traphagen, Mayor - - - \$166 66

Jas. H. Love, City Collector - - - 250 00

E. A. Carman, City Comptroller - - - 250 00

Thos. Earle, City Treasurer - - - 250 00

Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel - 416 66

Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney 291 66

Cornelius S. See, Clerk Board of Finance and Taxation - - - 100 00

Wm. Stephens, Clerk to Comptroller - 150 00

Fred. Boyes, Accountant - - - 62 50

Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer - - 100 00

A. D. White, Assistant to Collector - 125 00

Jas. T. Grady, Clerk to Collector - - 80 00

S. D. Dickinson, Clerk to Collector - - 80 00

John Creech, Clerk to Collector - - 80 00

D. T. Jeffries, Clerk to Collector - - 80 00

Walter Kissam, Clerk to Collector - - 80 00

Martin Finck, Clerk to Collector - - 80 00

Charles Freeman, Clerk to Collector - 80 00

Chas. W. Laws, Clerk to Collector - - 80 00

Samuel Bridgert, Clerk to Collector - 80 00

Geo. A. Scott, Clerk to Collector - - 80 00

F. M. Brown, Clerk to Collector, 16 days 42 65

John Wandle, Clerk to Collector, 18 days 47 97

T. M. Nast, Clerk to Collector, 18 days 47 97

F. P. Woodcock, Clerk to Collector, 16 days - - - 42 65

Rolla Pratt, Clerk to Collector, 18 days	47 97	Jacob Perrine, Assessor Fifth District -	125 00
Wallace Cox, Clerk to Collector, 18 days	47 97	A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth District -	125 00
Joseph S. Browning, Messenger, 1 month	50 00	Evening Journal, printing minutes -	250 00
Jacob Emory, Tax bill distributor, 27 days	81 00	The Argus, printing minutes -	250 00
Thos. K. Halsted, Clerk in City Clerk's office	100 00	Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall	36 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office	83 33	Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall	36 00
A. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office	86 86	The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.	
W. B. Shafer, Assessor First District -	125 00	On motion the Board adjourned.	
Geo. Beck, Assessor Second District -	125 00		
John H. Ward, Assessor Third District -	125 00		
J. M. Van Tassel, Assessor Fourth District -	125 00		

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, Dec. 30, 1875, at 5 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the bonds of Jersey City ordered issued by a resolution of this Board, passed Dec. 2, 1875, be made payable January 1, 1906, and that so

much of the said resolution and of the resolution of December 23, 1875, in reference to said bonds, as conflicts herewith, be and the same are hereby rescinded.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE' Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 6, 1876, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Hugh F. McDermott, \$250, for publishing minutes for month of December, 1875; Journal of Commerce, \$42 12, for advertising, and Charles Scott, \$21 72. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, Jan. 3, 1876. }

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation: Gentlemen—I herewith return to you, without my signature, the annexed resolution, passed by your Board December 30, 1875, relative to the payment of certain sums of money therein stated to William Van Keuren and John Smith, for the following reason, viz.: Because the resolution is too general; there is nothing to show when the amounts therein specified were paid twice by the same parties upon the property mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY TRAPHAGEN, Mayor.

Laid on the table until the next regular meeting. Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

From the Board of Aldermen, returning the claim of N. B. Shafer, and recommending that it be paid by the Board of Finance and Taxation. Laid on the table.

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasurer December 30, 1875, to January 5, 1876, inclusive:

	General	Ass'tment.	Sinking	Water
	Acct't.	Acct't.	Fund.	Acct't.
Dec. 30 - -	\$9,693 89	\$325 74	\$741 51	\$924 54
Dec. 31 - -	58,892 66	783 45	329 95	120 00
Jan. 3 - -	68,916 94	275,606 41	114 87	513 33
Jan. 4 - -	12,308 47	170 84	71 50	109 00
Jan. 5 - -	15,352 88	5,965 43	122 70	165 00

\$165,154 84 \$231,971 87 \$1,330 53 \$1,531 87

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance Credit Tax Account.....	\$63,135 26
Balance Credit Assessment Account....	63,854 21
Balance Credit Water Account.....	2,358 25
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account...	33,720 57

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be paid to Jeremiah B. Cleveland, being amount retained on account of contract for paving Grand street, from Mill Creek to Ocean street, and Newark plankroad from Ocean street to Bergen avenue, as per terms of contract of former city of Bergen with said J. B. Cleveland, dated 16th day of April, 1870, payment for which has now become due, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$39 71 be paid to James Roche for shoeing Street Department horses from January 8, 1874, to December 3, 1875; \$34 80 to Adolph Luck for carting sewer stuff month of November, 1875; \$252 25 to E. O'Donnell for carting coal from Hackensack River to Reservoir No. 3; \$15 to E. O'Donnell for carting oil, ashes, &c., at Belleville; \$12 12 to B. F. Woolsey & Co. for hand truck, Belleville Water Works; \$51 05 to James R. Sayer, Jr., for brick, lime and cement for Belleville Water Works; \$339 46 to Warren Foundry and Machine Co. for 20-inch sleeves and branch;

\$197 99 to William Runkle for branches and six-inch plugs for pipe yard; \$409 07 to American Water and Gas Pipe Co. for wrought iron and cement pipe furnished and laid in Waverly street, from Central avenue east, and in Summit avenue, from Manhattan avenue south; \$2 78 to Warner & Carscallen for one bale straw for pipe yard; \$20 25 to James R. Whyte for pine wood for pipe yard; \$289 65 to Warren Foundry and Machine Co. for sleeves and bends for Jersey City pipe yard, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$21 61 be paid to New Jersey Ice Company, for ice from July 1 to November 30, 1875; \$125 to John B. Oltman, for maintaining telegraph line for quarter ending December 10, 1875; \$111 45 to American Water and Gas Pipe Company, for lowering water pipe in Henry street; \$8 86 to A. P. Rikeman, for posting 443 water rent notices; \$9 50 to The Hudson County German Publishing Association, for advertising corporation notices for month of October, 1875; \$53 50 to Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, for printing and advertising for months of October and November, 1875; \$490 to Mohawk Manufacturing Company, for one Eddy valve; \$6 50 to The Argus, for advertising corporation notices November 20, 1875, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the veto received from the Mayor December 23, and veto received December 30, 1875, be taken from the table.

By Mr. Fry:

Moved, That the several resolutions do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was lost unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$315 76 be paid to Scudder & Vreedenburgh, in full of taxed costs in the suits Charles Bullew et als, Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Long Dock Company against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Resolved, That the sum of \$44 54 be paid to William Brinkerhoff, in full of taxed costs in the suits of Altana Westcott et als, and Zepha Storms et als, against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury in favor of said officer for \$60,000, to transfer said sum from assessment account to general account on account of loan of November 24, 1875.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for \$50,000, on account of State and County tax of 1875-6.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for \$25,000, on account of State and County tax of 1875-6.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn against the unexpended appropriation of this Board for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1875, in favor of Jacob Weart, attorney of N. B. Shafer, for the sum of \$616 50 in full for his claim against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for an obligation arising during said fiscal year, under lease with the city, the said warrant to be delivered to said Jacob Weart, upon his executing and delivering to the City Clerk a proper satisfaction piece to be approved by the Corporation Attorney.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Vanderbeek, Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Van Reipen.

Nay—Mr. Fry.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 13, 1876, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Orestes Cleveland and Jacob Christman, to have refunded money twice paid for taxes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from Hugh F. McDermott, in reference to the refusal of the Board of Finance and Taxation to pay him for publishing official minutes. Received and laid on the table.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

The Argus, \$69 for advertising; T. A. Chamberlain, \$11 25 for putting in lights. Referred to Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works were referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasury from January 6 to 12, inclusive.

	General Acct.	As'ment. Acct.	Sinking Fund. Acct.	Water Acct.
Jan. 6.....	\$5,894 63	836 58	\$708 97	\$2,051 93
Jan. 7.....	7,897 54	46,929 96		1,262 80
Jan. 8.....	11,844 89	550 91	593 04	706 82
Jan. 10.....	35,835 12	769 44	3,912 00	381 72
Jan. 11.....	82,024 92	197 15	439 15	429 78
Jan. 12.....	2,243 74	128 96	39 20	

\$145,710 84 \$48,613 03 \$5,092 36 \$4,833 05

Statement of expenditures to date, on the several accounts provided for by appropriation made for expenses of city government, December 1, 1875, to November 30, 1876.

Board of Finance and Taxation:

	Appropriation.	Expended.
Interest on bonds.....	\$304,417 61	
Salaries.....	55,000 00	\$4,870 65
Printing and stationery.....	8,000 00	
Supplies, coal wood, gas, &c.....		
	3,000 00	75 00
Costs in certiorari cases.....	3,357 17	3,357 17
Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments....	20,829 45	20,829 46

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city, at the close of business this day:

Balance Credit Tax Account.....	\$120,056 09
Balance Credit Assessment Account.....	15,430 66
Balance Credit Water Account.....	3,873 43
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account.....	38,921 97

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$147 87 be paid to John Anness for brooms, drain pipe, bags, &c.; \$44 78 to John M. Shannon for Belgian blocks for street repairs; \$15 to Coeyman & Guthrie for mason work on gate-house; \$25 50 to Henry C. Hutton, for carting water-pipe; \$312 to R. D. Wood & Co., for 20-inch water pipe; \$43 58 to John Anness for powder, nails, packing, &c.; \$5 78 to John Anness for matches, brooms and coal hod; \$2 to R. Irving & Son for repairing water closet, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the sum of \$73 80 be paid to Ann Bedford, to refund to her amount paid by her through error October 31, 1874, for taxes for the year 1874, on lot part 23, block 319, Eighth street, the said property being the property of F. King, and he having subsequently, to wit, on November 6, 1874, paid the said taxes for the said year on the said property, as appears by certificate of the City Collector and the receipted bill now on file with this Board.

Resolved, That the sum of \$5 77 be paid to John B. Coles, attorney for Mary L. Coster, to refund to her amount paid for water rent for the year 1874-75, against lots 31 and 32, in block 223, the said lots not being liable for water rent, as there is no water pipe in front of them, as appears by the certificate of J. V. B. Vreeland, Water Registrar, on file with this Board.

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to transfer the amounts paid by Mr. Graney on December 20, 1871, for taxes of 1871, and on December 20, 1872, for taxes of 1872, against lot 44, block 772, Manners avenue, to lot 43, block 772 (the amount of taxes against the said lots being the same), M. Graney having paid the same through error, intending at the time to have paid them on said lot 43, block 772, and the said taxes against lot 44 having previously been paid by the owner thereof for the year 1871 on December 19, and for the year 1872 on December 14, 1872, making duplicate payments of the said taxes, as appears by the certificate of the City Collector and the receipted tax bills on file with this Board.

Resolved, That the sum of \$56 be paid to John Smith to refund to him amount paid by him through error on December 4, 1875, for taxes for 1875 on lot 3, block 447, not owned by him, the owner of the said lot having paid the taxes due on said lot for the said year on December 13, 1875, as appears by the certificate of the City Collector, and the receipted tax bill now on file with this Board.

Resolved, That the sum of \$10 37 be paid to John B. Coles, attorney for Margaret Tappan, to refund to her amount paid for water rent assessed against lot 20, block 393, city map, for the years 1870-71, 1871-72, 1872-73, 1873-74, as the said assessment was erroneous, the said lot not being liable to assessment for water rent for the said years, there being no water pipe in front of the same, as appears by the certificates of J. V. B. Vreeland, Water Registrar, on file with this Board.

Resolved, That the sum of \$76 34 be paid to Wm. Van Keuren, to refund to him amount paid by him through error Nov. 10, 1875, for taxes for the year 1874 on lot pt 35 B, block 558, the taxes for the said year on the same property having been previously paid on June 18, 1875, by the said William Van Keuren, as appears by the certificate of the City Collector, and the receipted tax bills now on file with this Board.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The special committee appointed by your Board November 24, 1875, respectfully report that in pursuance of their duties they will require clerical assistance, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. Martin Finck be employed for such purpose and for such time as the said committee may deem necessary, and that his compensation be fixed at the rate of \$80 per month.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and adopted.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The special committee appointed by your Board December 16, 1875, to whom was referred the communication of Mr. E. S. Pigott, respectfully report, recommending that the action of the Board, had at the meeting held December 9, 1875, be reconsidered.

The report was received and laid on the table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The communication from his Honor the Mayor, vetoing the resolutions ordering payments to Wm. Van Keuren and John Smith, presented to this Board January 6, 1876, was read.

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Moved, That the resolutions do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was lost, all the members voting in the negative.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the claim of H. F. McDermott, \$250, for publishing minutes for month of December, 1875, be not paid.

Resolved, That the sum of \$21.72 be paid to Charles Scott, for carpenter work in City Collector's and Comptroller's offices, etc.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the several Boards comprising the city government be requested to furnish to the Board of Finance and Taxation on or before January 27, 1876, a full statement of all claims or obligations against their several Boards incurred and chargeable to the fiscal year ending November 30, 1875.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for the sum of \$15,000, to transfer said sum from general account to assessment account, as a loan.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry:

Moved, That the report of the Select Committee on Communication from Edward S. Pigott, be taken from the table.

By Mr. Fry:

Moved, That the resolution from Mr. Brown, passed December 9, 1875, in reference to the same matter, be reconsidered.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Brown, Ogden, Fry and Van Reipen.

Nay—President Vanderbeek.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the action on the said resolution be laid over for one week.

By Mr. Fry:

Whereas, Mr. C. S. See was regularly elected to act as Clerk of the Commissioners of Appeals at the first meeting of the Board, held November 23, and has fully and satisfactorily performed the duties connected therewith; therefore

Resolved, That the sum of \$200 be paid to him in full consideration for the services so rendered.

By Mr. Fry:

Moved, That the resolution be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion in regard to the legality of the same.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Fry and Van Reipen.

Nays—President Vanderbeek, Messrs. Brown and Ogden.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on the resolution, the same was lost, all the members voting in the negative.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish the redemption list and notice concerning property sold August 26, 1873, for taxes of 1871.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Van Reipen, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 20, 1876, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication of P. N. Horsley, Justice of the Peace, in reference to his claim for costs against the city.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be filed and that the Clerk notify Justice Horsley that the Board have no power to pay the said claim.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Collins & Corbin, \$134 52, for taxed costs in certiorari cases; Jersey City Gas Light Company, \$256 78, for gas consumed at City Hall; J. W. Harrison, \$430 20, for stationery; W. I. Hough & Co., \$68 75, for coal; John Kennard, \$29 40, for stationery. Referred to Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasury from January 13 to 19, inclusive:

	General Acc't.	As'ment. Acc't.	Sinking Fund.	Water Acc't.
Jan. 13....	\$1,779 01	...	\$218 07	\$276 43
Jan. 14....	2,215 85	178 15	2,915 00	243 00
Jan. 15....	1,375 83	9 47	...	80 00
Jan. 17....	2,915 83	1,580 52	722 23	820 40
Jan. 18....	1,577 02	2,621 00	83 00	3,144 21
Jan. 19....	1,539 21	9 09	154 24	70 00

\$11,401 65 \$4,998 23 \$4,092 54 \$4,634 04
E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city, at the close of business this day:

Balance Credit Tax Account.....	\$112,989 30
Balance Credit Assessment Account...	12,183 76
Balance Credit Water Account.....	7,186 26
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account...	42,836 44

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the resolution from Board of Public Works in reference to amount of money required by that Board for the ensuing three months be filed.

The report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

On concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$255 48 be paid to Warner & Carscallen for hay and feed for Street Department horses for month of December, 1875; \$5 55 to P. Horrogan for repairs to Street Department tools; \$83 to Thomas Gannon for man-hole heads and receiving basin covers; \$337 05 to Adolph Luck for removing sewer stuff for month of December, 1875; \$117 91 to Patrick Hughes for repairs to street and Sewer Department carts and wagons for months of November and December, 1875; \$226 26 to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company for globe valves and castings for Belleville Water Works; \$446 45 to Thomas Gannon for frames, covers, &c. for water gates; \$85 56 to B. F. Champney, Jr. for hay and feed for Pipe Yard horses, month of December, 1875, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$11 25 be paid to T. A. Chamberlain for glazing at City Hall.

Resolved, That the sum of \$42 12 be paid to Journal of Commerce, N. Y., for advertising for proposals for purchase of bonds.

Resolved, That the sum of \$52 be paid to New York Times for advertising for proposals for purchase of bonds.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for \$50,000, on account of State and County tax for 1875-1876.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 27, 1876, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Samuel Reilly to have refunded moneys erroneously paid in redemption, etc.; C. W. Congar, to have assessment cancelled. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from F. C. Hollins—received and ordered entered in the minutes and filed:

JERSEY CITY, January 26, 1876.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:

Gentlemen—At a meeting of the Board of Education held on the evening of January 24, a communication was received from your Honorable Body embodying a request that the Board of Directors of Education submit to your Board a correct statement of the debts incurred by the said Directors of Education in excess of their appropriation, allotted them for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1875.

It was stated at the said meeting by certain of the Directors that the total amount of such liabilities in excess of the appropriation was \$15,901 62, but of that sum only about \$5,000 was properly chargeable to the present Board, or to the fiscal year ending November 30, 1875, and that the balance of the \$15,901 62, had been contracted by previous Boards during a period extending over five years, and the Clerk of the Board of Education, was by a resolution, instructed to make a statement to your Honorable Body in accordance with the above representation.

I presume that your communication was sent to the Board of Education in order to obtain a true statement of the condition of the finances of the Board for the year ending November 30, 1875.

In order that the money entrusted to the Board of Directors of Education should be properly accounted for, and at the same time balance its accounts accurately with the books of the city, it is but right that a just statement of its debts should be made.

As a member of the Committee on Finance of the Board of Education, and being familiar with the conditions of its finances, I would not be justified in remaining silent when statements have been made with reference to the condition of the same, which are calculated to mislead your Honorable Body. While it is true that the total of the debt is \$15,901 62, it is positively incorrect that only about \$5,000 of that sum was incurred by the present Board, and that the balance—\$10,901 62—was incurred by former Boards. I have, before me, a copy of the bills contracted by previous Boards—a copy of which I also enclose herewith—by which it will be seen that the sum of only \$328 83 was contracted during 1874, and that the remainder was incurred by the present Board. The total liabilities for the fiscal year, ending November 30, 1875, are, therefore, \$15,572 79, to meet which there is a balance in the hands of the Comptroller, \$660 98. The statement, which I enclose herewith, will give you the date when the bills were contracted, also the amounts belonging to each committee, which statement can be verified by the bills themselves—now in possession of the Clerk of the Board of Education. With reference to the representation made, that money has been deducted from the appropriation of the Board of Education by the Board of Finance, the reverse is just the fact, for in November last your Honorable Body transferred to the Board of Education about \$13,000, as can be seen by the books of the Comptroller. Very respectfully yours,

FRANK C. HOLLINS.

Bills contracted by the Committee on

Teachers and Salaries.....	\$3,450 67
Books, Stationery and Music.....	2,186 41
Furniture and Repairs.....	5,406 85
Heating and Ventilating.....	4,136 32
Janitor and Janitor Supplies.....	419 97

Rent.....	25 00
Printing and Blanks.....	88 90
Incidentals.....	187 50

\$15,901 62

Less bills contracted in 1874 on

July 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28,

29, 31, 1874, by Committee

on Furniture and Repairs..

August 3, 4, 1874, by Com-

mittee on Furniture and Re-

pairs.....

September 5, 19, October 3,

14, 24, November 18, 15, Oc-

tober 11, 1874, by Commit-

tee on Furniture and Re-

pairs.....

Contracted by present Board.....

Balance in hand of Comptroller.....

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Collins & Corbin, \$22 42, for taxed costs in cer-

tiorari suit. Referred to the Corporation Attor-

ney.

H. F. McDermott, \$38 50, for advertising.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and

Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,)

JERSEY CITY, January 27, 1876. }

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I would most respectfully ask the passage of the following resolution, which I deem of importance to our city, owing to the number of suits now pending, in which our city is especially interested:

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be requested to furnish to this Board immediately, and weekly hereafter, a complete list of the suits now pending in the courts of record, wherein the city is interested, whether as plaintiff or defendant, and a statement as to what has been done in each case; and also a bill of particulars of the claim or claims for which such suit or suits were brought.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY TRAPHAGEN, Mayor.

Laid on the table.

Communications from the Boards of Directors of Education, Fire Commissioners, Police Commissioners and Aldermen, showing the claims against the said Boards, incurred and chargeable for the fiscal year, ending November 30, 1875, and now unpaid, the appropriations being exhausted. Referred to the City Comptroller.

From the Water Registrar:

JERSEY CITY, January 27, 1873.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The following lists for watersold by meter measurement have been placed in my hands for collection since the date of my last report, viz.:

For month ending October 1, 1875.....	\$7,545 36
For month ending December 1, 1875.....	7,985 46
For month ending January 1, 1876.....	7,658 30
For month and quarter ending November 1, 1875.....	22,883 92

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. B. VREELAND, Registrar.

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasury from January 20 to 26, inclusive:

	General Acct.	As'ment. Acct.	Sinking Fund.	Water Acct.
Jan. 20....	\$4,188 60	\$402 88	\$40 00	\$186 73
Jan. 21....	4,047 14	862 84	2,057 06	452 35
Jan. 22....	2,369 37	39 22	1,235 62	249 67
Jan. 24....	762 00	.....	.....	495 40
Jan. 25....	1,177 17	64 44	.....	316 07
Jan. 26....	941 83	347 60	947 18	100 00

\$13,484 11 \$1,096 98 \$4,280 46 \$1,810 22

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

FREE PUBLIC
LIBRARY.
JERSEY CITY, N. J.

Balance Credit Tax Account..... \$64,376 71
 Balance Credit Assessment Account.. 12,814 87
 Balance Credit Water Account..... 7,668 36
 Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account. 47,101 50

Ordered filed.

A statement from the Comptroller, submitting report of the financial condition of the city of Jersey City, December 31, 1875, order sent to the Board of Aldermen to be printed as the report of this Board for the present year.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions offered the following reports:

On Concurrent Resolution, from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to-wit:

Resolved, That the sum of \$43 25 be paid to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company for bolts and flanges; \$101 32 to John B. Oltman for repairs to telegraph line for quarter ending Dec. 10, 1875; \$255 19 to Cook & Beggs for repairs to machinery at Belleville Water Works for the month of December 1875; \$97 07 to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company for special castings for Water Works at Belleville, be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Also recommending that the concurrent resolution adopted January 4, 1876, ordering the payment to John Anness of \$9 for 1 bbl. of soft soap be returned to the Board of Public Works for correction. The report was received and recommendation adopted.

The same committee recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$5 36 be paid to Wm. H. Daly, to refund to him amount twice paid by him through mistake for taxes for the year 1875, on part of lot 28, block 184, it appearing by examination of the receipted tax bills of Mr. Daly for the said year, and the certificate of the City Collector on file with this Board, that Mr. Daly paid the taxes on said lot 28 for 1875, on November 10, 1875, and again on the same day paid the taxes for the said year on part of said lot 28, making a duplicate payment of the said tax on part of lot 28, block 184.

Resolved, That the sum of \$42 88 be paid to Orestes Cleveland, to refund to him amount paid through error for taxes on parts 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 381, for 1875, Mr. Cleveland having paid the said tax for the said year against the said property twice, on the 10th day of January, 1876, as appears by the receipted tax bills accompanying the petition of Mr. Cleveland, and the certificate of the City Collector on file with this Board.

Resolved, That the sum of \$17 08 be paid to John J. Bouton, to refund to him amount paid by him on November 9, 1875, for personal and poll tax for the year 1875, and assessed against him in the Third District of Jersey City; the said assessment being erroneous, as Mr. Bouton lives in the Sixth District of Jersey City, and has paid all his personal and poll tax for the year 1875 in said District, and has no other personal property liable to taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on the petition of Wm. Anderson, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Attorney.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Van Reipen, and adopted:

Moved, That the report of the special committee appointed December 16, 1875, to consider the communication from E. S. Pigot, be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The communication from his Honor the Mayor, in relation to reports from the Corporation Attorney, was taken from the table and read.

By Mr. Van Reipen :

Moved, That the communication be received and filed, and the resolution adopted.

By Mr. Fry, as an amendment:

Moved, That the Corporation Attorney be instructed to send his report monthly.

The amendment was lost.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the original motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Vanderbeek, Messrs. Ogden and Van Reipen.

Nay—Mr. Fry.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of \$27 40 be paid to the Argus for advertisements of Commissioners of Appeals and sale of bonds.

Resolved, That the sum of \$256 78 be paid to Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas consumed in City Hall from October 1, 1875, to January 1, 1876.

Resolved, That the sum of \$29 40 be paid to John Kennard for stationery for City Collector's office.

Resolved, That the sum of \$68 75 be paid to W. I. Hough & Co. for coal delivered at City Hall.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for \$872 50 to transfer said sum from General Account to Interest Account of February, 1876.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for payment of salaries for month of January 1876, when due, viz.:

Henry Traphagen, Mayor.....	\$166 66
Jas. H. Love, City Collector.....	250 00
E. A. Carman, City Comptroller.....	250 00
Thos. Earle, City Treasurer.....	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel.....	416 66
Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney.....	291 66
Cornelius S. See, Clerk Board of Finance and Taxation.....	100 00
Wm. Stephens, Clerk to Comptroller.....	150 00
Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer.....	100 00
Fred. Boyes, Accountant.....	62 50
A. D. White, Assistant to Collector.....	125 00
Jas. T. Grady, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
S. D. Dickinson, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
John Creel, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
D. T. Jeffries, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Walter Kissam, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Martin Finck, Clerk to Collector, 10 days	26 60
And for services rendered Special Committee of the Board of Finance and Taxation.....	53 34
Joseph S. Browning, Messenger.....	50 00
Jacob Emory, Tax bill distributor, 25 days.....	75 00
Thos. K. Halsted, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	100 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office	83 33
A. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	66 66
W. B. Shafer, Assessor First District.....	125 00
Geo. Beck, Assessor Second District.....	125 00
John H. Ward, Assessor Third District.....	125 00
J. M. Van Tassel, Assessor Fourth District.....	125 00
Jacob Ferrins, Assessor Fifth District.....	125 00
A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth District.....	125 00
Evening Journal, printing minutes.....	250 00
The Argus, printing minutes.....	250 00
Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall	36 00
Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00
And to the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for three months last past.	
I. I. Vanderbeek.....	\$125 00
T. C. Brown.....	125 00
A. W. Fry.....	125 00
James L. Ogden.....	125 00
G. D. Van Reipen.....	125 00

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Resolved, That the subject matter of amendments to the City Charter and legislation affecting it, be referred to the President of this Board and Finance Committee of the Board, and that the President and committee aforesaid be requested to give the required notice of intention to apply for the passage of such bill or bills as they may deem expedient affecting Jersey City, and to sign and publish

such notice in the Evening Journal and Argus pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An act to prescribe the notice to be given of applications to the Legislature for laws," when notice is required by the constitution.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 3, 1876, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Vanderbeek, Messrs. Fry, Ogden and Van Reipen.

Absent—Mr. Brown.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Eugene Martine, for removal from record in City Collector's office of assessment against his property, for improvement of Newark avenue, and John Murphy to have rate of interest on taxes past due reduced, were received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Petition of Mrs. S. Hunt, to have her claim against Jersey City credited on her tax bill. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Pangborn, Dunning & Dear \$108 75 for printing, Flemming, Van Cleef & Van Horn \$109 06, for taxed costs in certiorari suits. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

Three concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

From the Board of Public Works:

JERSEY CITY, N. J., February 2, 1876.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation, Jersey City:

Gentlemen—In compliance with the resolution passed by your Board, January 13, 1876, requesting the amount of bills outstanding and chargeable to appropriation for fiscal year, ending November 30, 1875, I would respectfully inform you that the amount of bills outstanding and chargeable to last year's appropriations of this Board will not exceed two hundred dollars.

By order of the Board of Public Works.

JAMES REID, Clerk.

From the Corporation Attorney:

JERSEY CITY, February 3, 1876.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—A copy of your resolution passed January 27, 1876, and approved by the Mayor, January 29, 1876, requesting me to inform your Board regarding suits now pending was received by me on the 1st instant.

The preparation of such a list will require some time, and owing to the fact that I have been engaged continually since the receipt of the copy in attending to business of the city requiring immediate attention, I have been unable to give any time to it.

During the coming week I will devote what time I can spare from the duties of my office to its preparation, and hope to be able to furnish you with a complete list of all suits in which the City is interested, by your next meeting.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM P. DOUGLASS, Corporation Attorney.
From the City Comptroller:

JERSEY CITY, February 2, 1876.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The reports of the Board of Aldermen, Board of Fire Commissioners and Board of Education, called for by your Honorable Body January 13, 1876, and referred to me January 27, 1876, have been examined, and I find the deficiencies of the various Boards as follows:

Board of Aldermen, as reported by City Clerk....	\$11,014 34
Judgment of N. B. Shafer.....	616 50
Rent of Armory three months, N. B. Shafer....	572 50—\$12,203 34
Board of Fire Commissioners.....	1,419 96
Less unexpended appropriation.....	3 24— 1,416 72

Board of Education.....	15,304 25
Less unexpended appropriation for heating and ventilating.....	660 98— 14,643 27

Total deficiency.....\$28,263 33

Very respectfully,

E. A. CARMAN, City Comptroller.

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasury, January 20 to February 2, 1876:

	General Acc't.	As'ment. Acc't.	Sinking Fund.	Water Acc't.
Jan. 27....	\$1,904 41	\$980 61	\$10 00	....
Jan. 28....	620 50	82 24	....	159 71
Jan. 29....	1,242 03	1,802 36	121 13	193 17
Jan. 31....	427 00	91 67	75 00	109 80
Feb'y 1....	756 17	18 74	381 51	28 87
Feb'y 2....	9,248 97	2,088 88	262 76	....
	\$14,199 68	\$5,064 50	\$830 40	\$491 55

From the City Treasurer, reporting the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance Credit Tax Account.....	\$42,526 40
Balance Credit Assessment Account..	16,604 44
Balance Credit Water Account.....	8,680 56
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account.	47,931 90

Ordered filed.

From the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Appeals in cases of taxation, submitting itemized statement of the deductions made by the said Commissioners of Appeals in cases of taxation. Received and laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on the petition of Samuel Reilly, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$55 62 be paid to Henry Trapagen, Attorney for Samuel Reilly, to refund amount paid Nov. 10, 1875, in redemption of property described as "50x100 Hudson avenue," from sales made Jan. 5, 1869, by the former city of Bergen, for unpaid taxes for 1863 and 1864, the said property being assessed for said taxes to other parties and paid.

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to cancel off record the sales above described.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported recommending that the petition of C. W. Congar be referred to the Corporation Attorney. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$22 42 be paid to Collins & Corbin for taxed costs in certiorari of assessment of Ninth Ward sewer, in suit of Mahlon B. Crampton, et. als., vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communications from the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Appeals in cases of taxation, be taken from the table and filed.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That copies of the deductions of taxes made by the Commissioners of Appeals, be sent by the Clerk of this Board to the several assessors, and that they be required and enjoined to enter upon their field books of this year all such deductions, with the reason therefor, and that they are hereby required to report to this Board that such entry has been made.

On motion the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 10, 1876, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Absent—Messrs. Brown and Ogden.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of the Hudson City Savings Bank, to be allowed interest on amounts paid on declarations of sale for unpaid taxes. Referred to the Corporation Council.

Communication from S. C. Mount, attorney, in relation to notice of application to the Legislature for the passage of certain laws. Filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

W. M. Ramee, Jr., \$64, for making, &c., eight warrant books; The Argus, \$35 40, for advertising. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, submitting the following statement of expenditures to date, on the several accounts provided for by appropriation made for expenses of city government, December 1, 1875, to November 30, 1876, to wit:.

	Appropriated.		Expended.	
	General	As'ment.	Sinking	Water
	Acct.	Acct.	Fund.	Acct.
Interest on bonds.....	\$304,417 61		\$66,076 00	
Salaries.....	55,000 00		9,700 56	
Printing and stationery..	8,000 00		150 92	
Supplies, coal, wood, gas,	3,000 00		505 50	
Also, reporting the following receipts to City Treasurer, from February 3 to February 9, inclusive:				
Feb. 3.....	\$1,117 47	\$201 08	\$10 00	528 15
Feb. 4.....	699 48	298 05	39 11	130 00
Feb. 5.....	1,154 33	368 57	46 69	
Feb. 7.....	934 11	51 09	179 52	208 73
Feb. 8.....	4,443 78	3,379 83	2,196 50	2,954 49
Feb. 9.....	510 39	162 59	82 02	2,107 84
	\$9,159 56	\$4,491 86	\$2,553 84	\$5,929 24

From the City Treasurer, reporting the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance Credit Tax Account.....	\$21,630 53
Balance Credit Assessment Account..	17,061 83
Balance Credit Water Account.....	9,275 54
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account.	50,617 16

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of L. H. Coover for \$9 87, to refund to him amount overpaid for taxes for the year 1875, on lots part 21 and part 21 and 22, block 220, Grove street, Jersey City, the said error being a clerical mistake of said amount in adding up the total amount of taxes due, as appears by inspection of the tax bill of Mr. Coover, and the certificate of the City Collector on file with this Board.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds of this Board be and are hereby authorized to advertise

for proposals to furnish the necessary steam apparatus for heating School Building No. 8, on Sherman avenue, according to plans and specifications to be furnished by the Chief Engineer of this Board, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$28 be paid to William Wilson for services as veterinary surgeon for Street Department horses; \$16 40 to Cooley & Lampman for repairs to Street Department carts from October 28 to December 27, 1875; \$16 50 to D. P. Lanahan for repairing basin head covers; \$1,082 58 to J. B. Cleveland for keeping in repair the wooden pavement on Grand street from Mill Creek to Bergen avenue for the year ending January 3, 1876; \$31 85 to J. C. Lawrence for repairs to Street Department harness for the month of December, 1875; \$376 80 to S. C. Prescott for top dressing wooden pavement on Jersey avenue; \$16 20 to Timothy Donegan for repairs to Street Department tools from July 14 to Dec. 28, 1875; \$25 47 to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company for repairs to machinery at Belleville Water Works; \$11 to William Wilson for services as veterinary surgeon for pipe yard horses; \$8 90 to Timothy Donegan for sharpening pipe yard tools; \$8 50 to Cooley & Lampman for repairing tapper's wagon; \$179 40 to Hugh McFadden for salt hay for packing water meters.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, \$127 50 be paid to James Herbert and John Egan, for 25.5 cubic yards of rock excavation for drain from Engine House No. 12, to sewer in Franklin street, at \$5 per cubic yard, the same to be charged as part of the cost for repairing, altering and building addition to Engine House No. 12, on Webster avenue, be and the same are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported adverse on the petition of Mrs. S. Hunt.

The report was received and adopted.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$430 20 be paid to J. W. Harrison for printing bonds and stationery furnished at offices in City Hall, from November 5 to January 15, 1876.

Resolved, That the sum of \$103 95 be paid to Pangborn, Dunning & Dear for printing minutes of Board of Finance and Taxation, in manual form.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to print, in pamphlet form, five hundred copies of the annual report of the different Boards of the City Government, for the year 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Fry, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 17, 1876, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Vanderbeek, Messrs. Fry and Van Reipen.

Absent—Messrs. Brown and Ogden.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of William H. Lawrence, to have assessment for taxes canceled; Owen McCue, to have refunded money paid in error for taxes; Messrs. Bartleman & Klumpp, to have refunded amount claimed to be overpaid for taxes. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communications from Wm. B. Shafer, Assessor of the First District, and A. A. Woodward, Assessor of the Sixth District, reporting that they had entered in their field books the deductions made by the Board of Commissioners of Appeals in cases of taxation. Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

H. F. McDermott, \$250 for publishing minutes for month of January, 1876. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, showing the following receipts to City Treasury from February 10 to 16, 1876, inclusive:

	General Acc't.	As'sment. Acc't.	Sinking Fund.	Water Acc't.
Feb. 10.....	\$1,933 21	\$166 61	\$141 42	\$483 35
Feb. 11.....	1,342 59	357 48	404 26	309 31
Feb. 12.....	2,220 44	1,195 77	1,277 32	.....
Feb. 14.....	2,743 03	3,954 98	849 52	839 98
Feb. 15.....	1,281 99	38 57	.....	1,320 45
Feb. 16.....	1,712 76	41 30	.....	319 47

\$11,233 02 \$5,754 71 \$2,932 52 \$3,272 56

From the City Treasurer, reporting the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance Credit Tax Account.....	\$25,892 08
Balance Credit Assessment Account.....	22 655 13
Balance Credit Water Account.....	13,881 95
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account.....	53,268 97

From the City Clerk, submitting copy of Chapter 3, Laws of 1876, to wit: A supplement to an act entitled "An Act for the punishment of crimes." Approved March 27, 1874.

Ordered filed.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb 14, 1876.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The communication of Mr. E. S. Pigott to the Board, and referred to Counsel, I have considered.

The attention of the Board is respectfully called to section 27, on page 22 of the city charter, which among other things, authorizes the Board of Finance and Taxation to appoint "such assistants to the City Collector as in their judgment he may from time to time need, and the compensation of each of such assistants the said Board shall fix; and such appointees shall hold office during the pleasure of said Board."

Thus it will be observed the charter gives the Board power to appoint as necessity requires, and the appointment continues only during the pleasure of the Board. Respectfully, &c.

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication be laid on the table for the present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on the petitions of Jacob Christian recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$50 40 be paid to Jacob Christian, to refund to him amount twice paid by him in error, for water rent of 1875-6, on lots 4 and 29, in block 408, the said Jacob Christian having paid the said water rent on June 16, 1875, and again on September 21st, 1875, making duplicate payments of the same, as appears

by the receipted bills of Mr. Christman, and the certificate of J. V. B. Vreeland, Water Registrar, now on file with this Board.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

On the petition of James Vandalinda, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation attorney.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

On concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$11 14 be paid to M. W. McKnight for shoeing Street Department horses for month of November, 1875; \$20 90 to E. M. Pritchard for lumber for street repairs; \$60 45 to Patrick Hughes for repairs to Street Department carts; \$19 20 to Akron Sewer Pipe Company for 12-inch drain pipe; \$40 70 to John Doyle for shoeing Street Department horses from November 23 to December 15, 1875; \$189 33 to Warner & Carscallen for hay and feed for month of January; \$20 90 to Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas consumed at Street Department stable for quarter ending January 1, 1876; \$38 32 to E. M. Pritchard for lumber for street repairs during month of July, 1875; \$205 80 to N. O. Parks & Co. for two barrels of sperm oil; \$79 90 to N. O. Parks & Co. for one barrel of cylinder oil; \$1 50 to James Wakefield for posting notices of sale of pipe bridge; \$52 50 to Joseph Weis for 15 days labor erecting boiler and engine at High Service Works; \$17 96 to O. A. Woolsey for rope, oil, white lead, &c., for pipe yard; \$314 28 to O. A. Woolsey for pig lead, packing, &c., for pipe yard; \$4 50 to W. I. Hough & Co. for $\frac{1}{4}$ ton Cumberland coal; \$15 25 to George Hulbert for shoeing truck horses at pipe yard; \$77 82 to Steele & Stevens & McLain for ten fire hydrants.

Resolved, That \$456 be paid to R. D. Wood & Co. for 12 fire hydrants; \$7 50 to George Hulbert for shoeing tapper's horse; \$1 20 to Steel & Condict for turning sleeve; \$48 50 to Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas consumed in office for quarter ending Jan. 1, 1876; \$20 to William Robertson for laying drain for School No. 8; \$32 23 to Jersey City Insurance Company for insurance on School No. 8; \$1 to James Wakefield for posting notices for sale of house on Hopkins avenue; \$63 60 to Pangborn, Dunning & Dear for printing and advertising, from Oct. 9, 1875, to Jan. 14, 1876; \$259 35 to Daniel Davis for oil for Belleville Water Works, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$134 52 be paid to Collins & Corbin for taxed bills of cost in cases of certiorari of Newark avenue improvement, and of Ninth Ward sewer.

Resolved, That the sum of \$109 06 be paid to Flemming, Van Cleef & Van Horn, for taxed bills of costs in cases of certiorari of improvement of Montgomery street, from Summit to Palisade avenues, and Grand street from Mill Creek to Jersey avenue.

Resolved, That the sum of \$14 30 be paid to H. F. McDermott, for advertising notice of time of payment of taxes.

Resolved, That the sum of \$35 40 be paid to the Argus for advertising notice of redemption of Greenville and other bonds, and notice of application to Legislature.

Resolved, That the sum of \$64 be paid to V. M. Ramee, Jr., for eight bound warrant books furnished to City Clerk.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication from the Corporation Counsel be taken from the table and filed.

By Mr. Van Reipen, and adopted:

Moved, That owing to the absence of Mr. Brown, all further action on the communication of E. S. Piggott be laid over.

Mr. Van Reipen stated that he had received from

Hon. Wm. A. Lewis and Hon. J. Toffey copies of Assembly bill No. 83, entitled "an act to provide for a public park in Jersey City," and

Moved, That they be referred to his Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. The motion was adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 24, 1876, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Fry and Van Reiper.

Absent—Messrs. Brown and Ogden.

On motion of Mr. Fry, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of F. S. Emons to have refunded money twice paid through error for assessment. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

From Mr. Perrine, Assessor of Fifth District, reporting that he had entered in his Field Book the deductions made by the Board of Commissioners of Appeals in cases of Taxation. Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

John W. Harrison \$91, for stationery. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts of City Treasurer from February 17 to 23, inclusive:

Date.	General Acct.	Ass't Acct.	Sinking Fund.	Water Acct.
Feb. 17.....	\$1,090 78	\$ 5 40	\$60 71	7,698 91
Feb. 18.....	1,053 66	68 11	94 24	1,055 95
Feb. 19.....	1,456 55	388 22	36 74	
Feb. 21.....	745 81	456 08	74 00	1,900 66
Feb. 23.....	1,217 46	1,510 29	88 23	351 07

\$5,664 26 \$2,408 10 \$353 92 \$11,006 59

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank, at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....	\$16,300 49
Balance credit assessment account.....	25,057 83
Balance credit water account.....	17,160 72
Balance credit sinking fund account..	53,562 18

From the Corporation Attorney in relation to suits pending against the city. Received and ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the petition of Messrs. Bartleman & Klumpp, to have refunded amount claimed to be overpaid for taxes, be referred to the Corporation Attorney. The report was received and adopted.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$250 be not paid to Hugh F. McDermott, for his claim for printing the official minutes of all the Boards for the month of January, 1876, for the reason that the committee believe the claim to be invalid and without legal authority.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for payment of salaries for month of February, 1876, when due, viz.:

Henry Traphagen, Mayor.....	\$166 66
Jas. H. Love, City Collector.....	250 00
E. A. Carman, City Comptroller.....	250 00
Thos. Earle, City Treasurer.....	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel....	416 66
Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney..	291 66
Cornelius S. See, Clerk Board of Finance and Taxation.....	100 00
Wm. Stephens, Clerk to Comptroller.....	150 00
Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer.....	100 00
Fred. Boyes, Accountant.....	62 50
A. D. White, Assistant to Collector.....	125 00
Jas. T. Grady, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
S. D. Dickinson, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
John Creech, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
D. T. Jeffries, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Walter Kissam, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Martin Finck, Clerk to Special Committee of the Board of Finance and Taxation.....	80 00
Joseph S. Browning, Messenger.....	50 00
Jacob Emory, Tax bill distributor, 24 days.....	72 00

Thos. K. Halsted, Clerk in City Clerk's office..... 100 00

N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office..... 83 33

A. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office..... 66 66

W. B. Shafer, Assessor First District..... 125 00

Geo. Beck, Assessor Second District..... 125 00

John H. Ward, Assessor Third District... 125 00

J. M. Van Tassel, Assessor Fourth District..... 125 00

Jacob Perrine, Assessor Fifth District... 125 00

A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth District..... 125 00

Evening Journal, printing minutes..... 250 00

The Argus, printing minutes..... 250 00

Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall..... 36 00

Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall..... 36 00

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for the following amounts, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank, to the credit of March Interest Account, 1876.

On General Account.....\$5,719 00

On Assessment Account..... 1,592 50

On Water Account.....17,500 00

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for twenty-five thousand dollars, to transfer said sum from Assessment Account to General Account, as part repayment of loan of November 24, 1875.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Fry, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, February 28, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Fry and Van Reipen.

Absent—Mr. Ogden.

The special committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Police Justices and others, reported verbally that they were still engaged in examining the matters for which they had been appointed, but that it would take them some time yet to finish the same.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the report of the special committee appointed to examine books and accounts of the Police Justices and others, be received and the committee continued, with instruction to make further investigation and report at an early day.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That with the purpose of aiding the special committee of investigation appointed by this Board, and of arriving at correct results, and ascertaining all the facts requisite and proper to

be ascertained respecting such investigation, it is ordered that the said special committee summon before this Board by such process as the City Charter provides, witnesses to testify before this Board at a meeting to be held on Saturday, March 4, A. D. 1876, at 10 a.m., at the Mayor's office, in the City Hall, Jersey City, to give evidence in the matter now under investigation by the special committee of this Board.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be and hereby is empowered to cause the necessary books to be kept by the Comptroller in which shall be entered all indebtedness due to the city, whether by Departments, officials, contractors or others, except such moneys as are required to be collected by the City Collector and Registrar, and to cause the prompt collection thereof, and in case of any default, the Comptroller to report the same to the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 2, 1876, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Vandeereck and Mr. Fry.

Absent—Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Van Reipen.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned, to meet on Saturday, March 4, 1876, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, on Saturday, March 4, 1876, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Fry and Van Reipen.
Absent—Mr. Ogden.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Central New Jersey Land Improvement Company for correction of an error in assessment for taxes against lot 544, block 297. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communications from John H. Ward and Geo. Beck, reporting that they had entered in their field books, the deductions made by the Board of Commissioners of Appeals in cases of Taxation, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Board of Finance and Taxation. Ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

W. I. Hough & Co., \$62 50 for coal. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From his Honor the Mayor, enclosing copies of declarations served on him. Ordered filed, and the declarations sent to the Corporation Attorney.

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasury from February 24 to March 1, 1876, inclusive:

	General Acct.	As'ment Acct.	Sinking Fund.	Water Acct.
Feb. 24.....	\$773 15	.....	.....	.....
Feb. 25.....	2,318 12	\$414 29	\$68 97	\$304 78
Feb. 26.....	1,023 56	114 89	46 50	857 37
Feb. 28.....	711 70	142 42	158 48	3,071 05
Feb. 29.....	1,506 78	243 74	135 51	3,066 08
March 1.....	2,296 40	\$34 29	\$34 02	1,246 06
	\$8,629 71	\$1,249 63	\$743 48	\$8,575 34

From the City Treasurer, reporting the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city:

Balance Credit Tax Account.....	\$24,266 85
Balance Credit Assessment Account..	319 38
Balance Credit Water Account.....	8,906 91
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account.	53,059 18

Ordered filed.

Six concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent resolutions.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$91 be paid to John W. Harrison, for bonds, stationery, etc., for the several offices in the City Hall.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee of Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$36 79 be paid to Owen McCue, to refund to him amount twice paid by him in error for taxes of 1874, on personal property in store No. 215 Grove street, Jersey City. The said Owen McCue having paid the said taxes on the said property on March 4, 1875, amounting with penalty and interest to \$31, and while paying his taxes on other property in the city on February 9, 1876, he again paid the said tax on the same property, with penalty and interest added, to February 9, 1876, amounting to \$36 79, making duplicate payments of the same, as appears by the receipted tax bills of Mr. McCue and the certificate of the City Collector, now on file with this Board.

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel the assessment against lots 5 to 6, block 97, as the said assessment was paid by the owner thereof April 14, 1870, to J. J. Gaffney, then Collector of Revenue, as appears by the receipted tax bills of Mr. Lyman and the certificate of J. J. Gaffney, now on file with this Board.

Resolved, That upon the receipt by the City Collector of the amount of taxes assessed against lot 85, block 786, for the years 1873 and 1874, he be directed to cancel the assessment against said lot, and that he be directed to collect the amount of personal taxes from Charles Little, the owner thereof.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for one hundred and twenty-five dollars, to be deposited to the credit of interest account of January, 1875.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasury in favor of said officer, for the following sums, to be transferred to general account:

From interest account of November, 1873.....	\$214 49
From interest account of January, 1874..	762 00
From interest account of May, 1874.....	1,204 58
From interest account of July, 1874.....	248 00

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury in favor of E. W. Kingland, County Collector, for one hundred and twenty thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine dollars (\$120,739) for State school tax of 1875-6.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for twenty-five thousand dollars, on account of State and County tax for 1875-6.

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Resolved, That the sale made Sept. 26, 1873, to the City Treasurer for taxes of 1871, of part 12, South Fourth street, in block 389, assessed to Charles Linsley, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that the taxes of that year upon property of said Linsley, in said street and block, were paid Dec. 21, 1871.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 9, 1876, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Vanderbeek, and Mr. Fry.

Absent—Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Van Reipen.

Less than a quorum being present, the President adjourned the Board to meet on Friday, March 10, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Friday, March 10, 1876, at 10 o'clock, a. m.
Present—All the members.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.
Petitions of Annie Hart, to have refunded fine paid for violation of city ordinance.

John Garrick, attorney of Wm. Armstrong, to have delivered to him declarations of sale for lands sold for taxes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from J. M. Van Tassel, in reference to deductions made in his field books. Ordered filed.

Communication from John T. Van Cleef, attorney of Wm. B. Van Vorst, in reference to bond. Referred to Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Collins & Corbin, \$385 10, amount of claim of Alfred P. Buss. Referred to Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

Wm. Muirheid, counsel for J. B. Cleveland, served upon the Board a writ of mandamus from the Supreme Court in the case State ex rel., Jeremiah B. Cleveland vs. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City, and also delivered to the Board a copy of the opinion of Justice Scudder in the same case.

The opinion was ordered filed and the writ laid on the table.

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasury from March 2d to 8th, inclusive:

	General Acc't.	Ass'tment Acc't.	Sinking Fund.	Water Acc't.
March 2....	\$1,063 11	\$604 42	\$753 52	\$2,465 76
March 3....	564 08	263 03	85 90	405 25
March 4....	1,263 91	951 09	30 45	502 38
March 6....	1,506 03	282 61	144 80	239 37
March 7....	511 92	18 44	26 80	139 00
March 8....	938 28	316 50	215 56	130 00

Total.....\$6,110 93 \$2,437 79 \$1,257 03 \$3,881 76

From the City Treasurer, reporting the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of the city:

Balance Credit Tax Account.....	\$27,429 79
Balance Credit Assessment Account.....	2,571 01
Balance Credit Water Account.....	5,814 52
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account.....	3,669 76

Ordered filed.

From the City Comptroller:

JERSEY CITY, March 9, 1876.

To the Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In accordance with a resolution of your Honorable Body passed February 28, 1876, requiring the Comptroller to report default of the prompt collection of claims due the city, I would respectfully report that on July 10, 1875, a contract was entered into between the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and Thomas Gafney, by which Mr. Gafney was to take a portion of the street refuse and pay for the same at a stated price per load, payments to be made quarterly on the 10th days of October, January, April and July. The amount due on this contract July 10, 1875, to February 1, 1876, is \$321 35, no payment having been made under the contract.

Very respectfully,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

Laid on the table.

From the City Collector:

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I would most respectfully call your attention to the following case:

Some time ago I made out a list of personal taxes remaining unpaid in the Fourth and Fifth Districts of this city, and made affidavit to same before a Justice of the Peace, who then delivered the warrants to Constable H. H. Kline to collect. To the present date the said Kline has failed to make a settlement, and I have reason to believe that he has left the city.

In view of the above facts, I pray that your Honorable Body may take such action as you may deem necessary.

Yours, very respectfully,

JAMES H. LOVE, City Collector.

Dated Jersey City, March 10, 1876.

Laid on the table.

From the Corporation Attorney, in reference to petitions of Eugene Martini, John Murphy, C. W. Congon and Bartleman & Klumpff. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Four concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions, reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the following preambles and resolutions be adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Whereas, By an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled an "act relative to reservoir No. 3 of the Jersey City Water Works, approved March 29, 1875 it is therein, or in the preamble thereto recited among other things, that on the second day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, a contract for building reservoir No. 3 aforesaid, was made between the Water Commissioners of Jersey City and Mitchell and Bridgeford, and by the said Mitchell and Bridgeford assigned to Jeremiah B. Cleveland, on or about the tenth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, to which preambles for particulars Iet reference be had; and

Whereas, By said act it is among other things provided that the Board or authority having charge of said Reservoir and Water Works shall, if said Jeremiah B. Cleveland desire it, submit the "question" contained in the second section of said act to award, and determine in manner and form as therein provided: and

Whereas, By a communication in writing addressed to the Board of Public Works, dated the eleventh day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and signed by Jeremiah B. Cleveland by Muirheid & McGee, Attorneys, and now on file in the office of the Board of Public Works, the said Jeremiah B. Cleveland calls attention to said act and its provisions, and expresses in writing the desire that said Board will submit the question contained in said section 2, to the award and determination of such person or persons, as the said Cleveland and the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City shall agree upon, in accordance with the provisions of said section of said act. Now, therefore, in pursuance of, and in accordance with the provisions of said act, and as expressly required by the said section of said act,

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works of Jersey City, (the Board of Finance and Taxation concurring therein), hereby according to Legislative requirements submits the question, What compensation, if any, is equitably due to said Jeremiah B. Cleveland for what has been done or furnished by him, or his assignors, either under the contract before stated, with his assignors, or for work done or materials furnished for said reservoir or the sewer therewith connected outside of that contract, (in exact accordance with the provisions and requirements of said act) to the award and determination of such person or persons as said Cleveland and the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City shall agree upon, be and the same are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$62 50 be paid to W. I. Hough & Co. for 10 tons of coal delivered at City Hall, February, 1876.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the resolution was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication from the Comptroller, in reference to claim against Thomas Gafney, be taken from the table and referred to the Corporation Attorney, and that he be directed to commence proceedings against Mr. Gafney for the recovery of the amount due the city.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication from the City Collector, in reference to Constable Kline, be taken from the table and referred to the Corporation Attorney, and that he be directed to commence proceedings at once against the bondsmen of said Kline for the recovery of the amount due the city.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the writ of mandamus from the Supreme Court be taken from the table.

On motion, the Board took a recess for one-half hour.

At the expiration of which time the Board re-assembled.

By Mr. Van Reipen, and adopted:

Moved, That we adjourn to meet at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Friday, March 10, 1876, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That the arbitration provided for under the act of the Legislature entitled, "An act relative to Reservoir No. 3, of the Jersey City Water Works," approved March 29, 1875, consist of three persons, to be hereafter nominated and appointed.

By Mr. Brown as an amendment:

Moved, That the arbitration consist of one person.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Van Reipen.

Nay—Mr. Fry.

The original resolution as amended was then adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown, Ogden and Van Reipen.

Nay—Mr. Fry.

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That A. S. Whiton be and he is hereby nominated and appointed under the act of the Legislature entitled, "An act relative to Reservoir No. 3, of the Jersey City Water Works," approved March 29, 1875, a person to whose award and determination the question contained in the second section of said act is to be submitted.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the resolution was adopted unanimously.

J. B. Cleveland presented the following:

March 10, 1876.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation, of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—In accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act relative to Reservoir No. 3, of the Jersey City Water Works," approved March 29, 1875, you have nominated and appointed Augustus S. Whiton as the person to whose award and determination the question contained in the second section of said act is to be submitted. I hereby notify you that I do not agree with you upon such appointment.

J. B. CLEVELAND.

The communication was received and filed.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the resolution of December 9, 1875, in reference to E. S. Pigot, be taken from the table and acted upon.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on the said resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Brown and Van Reipen.

Nays—Messrs. Fry and Ogden.

By Mr. Brown:

Moved, That the resolution offered by Mr. Fry in reference to appointment of arbitrators be reconsidered.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Van Reipen, and adopted:

Moved, That the resolution be laid on the table.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An act relative to Reservoir No. 3, of the Jersey City Water Works," approved March 29, 1875, and in accordance with the requirements of the order of the Court, this Board of Finance and Taxation do now proceed to the selection by ballot of a suitable person or persons to whose award and determination the question embraced in said entitled act may be submitted, and that such selection be submitted to Jeremiah B. Cleveland for his consideration and action.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the said arbitration consist of three persons.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That we go into ballot for said arbitrators.

Mr. Brown was appointed teller.

Five ballots were cast, with the following result:

Benjamin G. Clark received 5 votes.

Augustus S. Whiton received 5 votes.

John F. Ward received 4 votes.

John Headen received 1 vote.

The President declared Benjamin G. Clark, Augustus S. Whiton, and John F. Ward elected arbitrators.

Mr. Cleveland presented the following:

To the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen: In accordance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey entitled "An act relative to Reservoir No. 3 of the Jersey City Water Works," approved March 29, 1875, you have nominated and appointed Benjamin G. Clark, Augustus S. Whiton, and John F. Ward as the persons to whose award and determination the question contained in the second section of said act is to be submitted.

I hereby notify you that I agree with you upon such appointment, and consent to the persons named.

Yours, etc.

J. B. CLEVELAND.

Dated, Jersey City, March 10, 1876.

The communication was received and filed.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the Clerk notify the said arbitrators of their appointment.

By Mr. Van Reipen, and adopted:

Moved, That when we adjourn, it be to meet on Saturday, March 11, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m.

By Mr. Van Reipen, and adopted:

Moved, That the President and Clerk be directed to make a proper return to the writ of mandamus from the Supreme Court.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Saturday, March 11, 1876, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—All the members.
On motion of Mr. Van Reipen, the Board adjourned.
CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 16, 1876, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Fry, Ogden and Van Reipen.

Absent—Mr. Brown.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meetings of February 17 and 24, March 2 and 9, and of the special meetings of February 28, March 4, 10 and 11, was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Wm. Brinkerhoff, attorney of Peter Henderson, to have paid him the difference between amount paid by him for assessment and the assessment as reduced by the Board of Commissioners to Adjust Unpaid Assessments. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

M. T. Newbold, \$28 64 for taxed costs in the suit of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City vs. McDonald.

Collins & Corbin, \$42 26 for taxed costs in certiorari suit; Davison & Co., for printing law case, \$53. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts of City Treasury from March 9 to 15, 1876, inclusive:

	General	As'tment	Sinking	Water
	Acc't.	Acc't.	Fund.	Acc't.
March 9...	\$1,065 61	\$118 26	\$107 07	\$2,119 73
March 10...	1,303 37	125 90	15 00	125 22
March 11...	246 23	58 09	20 00	390 58
March 13...	474 81	.....	13 00	101 29
March 14...	758 85	154 82	35 03	3,637 30
March 15...	145,202 34	.....	127 59	22 00

Total....\$148,956 20 \$757 07 \$317 66 \$3,366 12

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance Credit Tax Account.....	\$24,765 78
Balance Credit Assessment Account....	2,909 82
Balance Credit Water Account.....	10,233 41
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account..	4,121 97

Received and ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$17 98 be paid to John W. Harrison, for stationery and blanks for Street Department; \$208 80 to A. Luck, for carting sewer stuff for the month of January, 1876; \$64 26 to Cooley & Lampman, for repairs to Street Department carts, from January 13 to February 2, 1876.

Resolved, That \$117 30 be paid to John W. Harrison for stationery and blanks for office Board of Public Works; \$20 10 to the Argus for advertising sale of frame building and pipe bridge.

Resolved, That \$1 50 be paid to John W. Harrison for one ream of manilla paper; \$2 to Hudson Insurance Company for premium on policy of insurance on dwelling, Hopkins avenue.

Resolved, That \$5 be paid to John W. Harrison for printing blanks; \$103 70 to J. W. Harrison for stationery and blanks for Water Department; \$88 19 to C. A. Woolsey for pig lead, waste, oil, &c. for Belleville Water Works; \$5 to John W. Harrison for blanks for office of Engineering Bureau; \$84 to A. H. Aldrich for mason work on area, setting boiler and pumping engine at High Service Works, building scaffold, &c.; \$226 53 to Danforth Locomotive and Machine Co. for one wrought iron pump rod for Belleville Works; \$64 06 to N. O. Parks & Co. for 4 bbls. of oil for Belleville; \$57 64 to Hugh Leslie for repairing boiler and other castings.

Resolved, That \$27 55 be paid to Harvey & Weldon for repairing Street Department carts from December 5, 1875, to February 12, 1876, \$48 17 to Harvey & Weldon for repairing Street Department carts from April 9 to August 3, 1875;

\$7 to F. Brandis & Co. for repairing surveyors instruments, \$52 to William Wilson for services as veterinary surgeon to Street Department horses, \$19 25 to William N. Hogan for three tons of coal delivered at Street Department stables, \$60 55 to John Anness for oak pails, pitch fork, picks, &c. for Street Department; \$50 to E. M. Barrett for ten pairs 2½ inch couplings; \$133 34 to Thomas Gannon for hydrant sockets and reducers, \$480 to Stevens & McLain for 4 and 6-inch stop cocks, \$16 to Patrick Furey for sharpening tools from September 29 to December 24, 1875; \$361 68 to Thomas Gannon for sleeves and branches, \$15 to John Dennis for sharpening tools, \$39 90 to Wm. N. Hogan for six tons Lehigh coal, month of January; \$2 90 to John Anness for copper wire and soap for office, \$2 to Francis Richmond for one feather duster, \$39 90 to William N. Hogan for six tons Lehigh coal for month of February, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the city charter and discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works dependent on the several committees thereof, said committees by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, be and are hereby authorized to expend during the three months next ensuing for incidental expenses and all other matters not heretofore concurred, in an amount of money not exceeding the several amounts set opposite each committee:

Streets and Sewers, \$6,000; Extensions and Distributions, \$3,500; Pumping and Reservoirs, \$4,500; Water Rates and Assessments, \$2,500; Public Grounds and Buildings, \$2,500; Printing and Stationery, \$625.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Extensions and Distributions be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing 1,000 lengths of 6-inch cast iron water pipe.

Whereas, It appears by resolution passed by the Board of Public Works Nov. 28, 1871, the sum of \$3,419 25 was ordered paid to the American Lead Pencil Company for lands taken, and damage sustained by the widening of Hoboken avenue on lot 1,161, in block 551; and

Whereas, It appears by certificate of the Corporation Attorney the title to said property is vested in Wm. B. Hunter, subject to a mortgage to Frederick F. Frey; therefore,

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to cancel the warrant heretofore ordered drawn to the order of the American Lead Pencil Company; and

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn payable to the order of Wm. B. Hunter for \$3,419 26, for lands taken and damages sustained by the widening of Hoboken avenue, from Palisade avenue to the Hoboken city line, on lot 1,161, block 551, the same to be delivered to him or his order on the delivery of a sufficient deed of conveyance of the lands in question, executed by him and his wife, and of release by Frederick F. Frey of the same lands from his mortgage, and his furnishing satisfactory evidence that said lands are unincumbered by taxes and assessments, all of which shall be certified to as correct by the Corporation Attorney, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President called for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

On petition of Wm. Armstrong, adverse to granting the same, for the reason that the petitioner has not complied with the law in reference to tax sales.

On petition of C. W. Congon, adverse for the reasons set forth in the opinion of the Corporation Attorney—submitted to this Board at its last meeting.

On petition of Annie Hart, adverse, the Board having no authority to refund the fines.

On petition of Bartleman & Klumpp, recommending that the same be referred to the Corporation Counsel. The reports were received and the recommendations adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$28 64 be paid to M. T. Newbold, Attorney, for taxed costs in case of John McDonald and Francis McDonald vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Resolved. That a warrant be ordered drawn against the unexpended appropriation of this Board, for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1875, in favor of Jacob Weart, attorney of N. B. Shafer, for the sum of \$617 06, in full for his claim against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, for an obligation arising during said fiscal year, under lease with the city, the said warrant to be delivered to said Jacob Weart, upon his executing and delivering to the City Clerk, a proper satisfaction piece, to be approved by the Corporation Attorney.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 23, 1876, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—Messrs. Fry, Ogden and Van Reipen.

Absent—President Van Der Beek and Mr. Brown. In the absence of the President the Clerk called the Board to order.

On motion Mr. Ogden was elected President pro tem.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of John Smith to have refunded money paid in error for improvement of Monticello avenue, and Daniel McManus for reduction of taxes on account of militia exemption. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from Scudder & Vredenburg in reference to claim of Henry M. Riker. Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Linn & Babbitt, \$542 70, taxed costs in 21 certiorari cases; Wm. Brinkerhoff, \$24 76, taxed costs in certiorari cases; V. M. Ramee, Jr., \$17, for blank books; V. M. Ramee, Jr., \$33 75, for stationery; H. F. McDermott, \$250, for publishing minutes for month of February, 1876. Referred to Committee on Salaries and Claims.

President Van Der Beek arriving, took the chair.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts of City Treasury from March 16 to 22, 1876, inclusive:

	General Acc't.	As'ment Acc't.	Sinking Fund.	Water Acc't.
March 16...	\$2,519 89	.....	\$241 62	\$207 00
March 17...	518 17	49 43	42 20	135 00
March 18...	1,403 43	232 58	9 73	712 15
March 20...	196 53	176 44	31 00	296 91
March 21...	1,421 63	1,237 61	20 00	1,608 24
March 22...	2,364 28	236 33	577 24	319 54

Total..... \$3,723 98 \$1,972 39 \$921 81 \$3,278 84

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance Credit Tax Account.....	\$29,781 63
Balance Credit Assessment Account.....	4,882 21
Balance Credit Water Account.....	13,380 38
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account.....	4,958 67

Ordered filed.

From the Corporation Counsel:

JERSEY CITY, March 20, 1876.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In the matter of suit brought by Mr. Hugh F. McDermott against Jersey City, to recover claim made by him for printing the minutes of the several Boards of the City Government from June 1, 1874, at the rate of \$250 per month, amounting to \$3,000 per year, the Court decided the case adversely to McDermott's claim and in favor of the city, and judgment has been entered thereon in the Supreme Court in favor of the defendant, the city, and against the plaintiff, Mr. McDermott.

Respectfully, &c.,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel,
Ordered filed.

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, March 20, 1876. }

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In matter of petition of John Headen, Jr., Secretary, etc., for payment of money heretofore received by the City Treasurer in redemption of tax sales and interest thereon at 7 per cent., because of failures to notify the bank which held the declarations of sale of such redemption, find herewith communication from the City Clerk, and copy of records in his office as to such redemption and the Treasurer's certificate thereof. If your Board is satisfied no notice of such redemption as required by law was given,

then, in my opinion, the claim for interest at seven per cent. is a valid claim, and can be enforced by suit. The declarations of sale should be surrendered when the claim is paid.

Respectfully, etc.,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 17, 1876. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Herewith I send you copy of Assembly bill No. 187, which became a law on the 16th instant, and which makes provision for an additional appropriation for the relief of the poor.

By this act your Board is authorized to appropriate for and during the present fiscal year, in addition to what has already been appropriated, such further sum for the aid and relief of the poor, as you may deem reasonably necessary for that purpose, provided such additional appropriation shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

It is made the duty of your Board to adopt and enforce such measures and regulations as will secure a "prudent, wise and economical expenditure" of such appropriation as you may make, and "afford the desired aid and necessary relief of the poor."

The act authorizes your Board to borrow such amount of money as you may appropriate, and provides for the repayment by putting the amount in the tax levy next thereafter.

As it is important prompt relief should be provided for the poor in the city, it is respectfully recommended that your Board take early action under the provisions of this recent law.

Respectfully, &c.,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

Laid on the table.

From the City Clerk, enclosing copy of an act entitled "An act to provide for the further relief of the poor." Ordered filed.

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on petition of F. S. Emmons, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$21 84 be paid to F. S. Emmons, to refund to him amount paid by him, February 12, 1876, for an assessment on lot 30, in block 512, the said assessment on the said lot having been previously paid by Mr. Sutton, June 4, 1872, as appears by the certificate of the City Collector, and the receipted bills hereto annexed.

On petition of Wm. Brinkerhoff, attorney of Peter Henderson, to have refunded difference between original assessment of Board of Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

On concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$355 01 be paid to Steele & Condict, for repairs to machinery, Jersey City Water Works; \$36 44 to the McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company, for hose, bibbs, nipples, elbows and pipe; \$6 96 to Dewitt Wire Cloth Company, for brass wire cloth; \$118 97 to Hugh Leslie, for materials and labor repairing upright boiler; \$110 62 to Hugh Leslie, for labor and materials making two furnaces; \$338 25 to Hewes & Phillips, for one cross-head for No. 3 Engine; \$297 86 to Hewes & Phillips, for repairs to plunger rod and cross rod; \$86 43 to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company, for flanges for Eddy valves; \$17 60 to Hugh Leslie, for labor making brackets for pump; \$49 11 to Hewes & Phillips, for repairs to steam and water valves; \$37 10 to J. C. Lawrence, for repairs to Street Department harness; \$5 to Lewis E. Wood, for selling horse at auction, May 24, 1876, be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following preamble and resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Whereas, The present telegraph line to Belleville is very much out of order and needs constant and expensive repairs, and in the opinion of this Board it would be economy to construct a new line where necessary, therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing so much of a new line of wires, &c., as may be required, connecting this office with Pipe Yard, High Service Works, Hackensack bridge and Belleville Works, and keep the same in proper repair for five years, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, provided the proposals shall be to keep the said line in repairs for one year, with the privilege of renewal yearly for five years, upon the same terms.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments be and are hereby authorized to employ one additional clerk for the purpose of assisting in preparing registers and water bills for the coming year, at a salary not exceeding \$75 per month, be and is hereby not concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, as this Board will detail a clerk from the Comptroller's office to render the necessary assistance in preparing registers and water bills.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolutions and recommendations were adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$17 be paid to V. M. Ramee, Jr., for two blank books, 400 pages each. (Records of Arrest) furnished to Police Justices.

Resolved, That the sum of \$33 be paid to Davison & Co., for printing law case of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City vs. Manning M. Knapp, et als.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Ogden:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for the following amounts, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank, to the credit of Interest Account of April, 1876.

On General Account.....\$19,650 00

On Water Account.....10,000 00

By Mr. Fry:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for payment of salaries for month of March, 1876, when due, viz.:

Henry Traphagen, Mayor.....	\$166 66
Jas. H. Love, City Collector.....	250 00
E. A. Carman, City Comptroller.....	250 00
Thos. Earle, City Treasurer.....	250 00
Wm. A. Lewis, Corporation Counsel.....	416 66
Wm. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney..	291 66
Cornelius S. See, Clerk Board of Finance and Taxation.....	100 00
Wm. Stephens, Clerk to Comptroller.....	150 00
Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer.....	100 00
Fred. Boyes, Accountant.....	62 50
A. D. White, Assistant to Collector.....	125 00
Jas. T. Grady, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
S. D. Dickinson, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
John Creech, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
D. T. Jeffries, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Walter Kissam, Clerk to Collector.....	80 00
Martin Finck, Clerk to Special Committee of the Board of Finance and Taxation.	80 00
James Browning, Messenger.....	50 00
Jacob Emory, Tax bill distributor, 27 days.....	81 00
Thos. K. Halsted, Clerk in City Clerk's office.....	100 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk in City Clerk's office	83 33
A. L. Sears, Clerk in City Clerk's office	66 66
Wm. B. Shafer, Assessor First District...	125 00
Geo. Beck, Assessor Second District....	125 00
John H. Ward, Assessor Third District....	125 00
J. M. Van Tassel, Assessor Fourth District.....	125 00
Jacob Perrine, Assessor Fifth District....	125 00
A. A. Woodward, Assessor Sixth District.....	125 00
Evening Journal, printing minutes.....	250 00
The Argus, printing minutes.....	250 00
Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall	36 00
Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall.....	36 00

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry and adopted:

—Moved, That the communications from the Corporation Counsel and City Clerk, in reference to act authorizing extra appropriation for relief of the poor, be taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Finance, and that said committee be requested to report at an adjourned meeting of the Board to be held Saturday, March 25, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m.

On motion, the Board then adjourned to meet on Saturday, March 25, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Saturday, March 25, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek Messrs. Brown, Fry and Ogden.

Absent—Mr. Van Reipen.

By Mr. Fry and adopted:

Moved, That a special committee of two be appointed to confer and advise with the Committee on Alms of the Board of Aldermen, in reference to the proper mode of disbursing the extra appropriation about to be made for the relief of the poor.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Fry and Ogden.

By Mr. Fry:

Whereas, The appropriation heretofore made for the relief the poor in Jersey City during the present fiscal year, has been already exhausted, as this Board has been informed and ascertained upon careful inquiry, and

Whereas, Since the same has been exhausted obligations have been incurred by the Committee

on Alms of the Board of Aldermen and the Overseer of the Poor in excess of such appropriation, remaining unpaid; now, therefore,

Resolved, By the Board of Finance and Taxation, it being the judgment of this Board, that a further appropriation is reasonably necessary to provide for the aid and relief of the poor, that the further sum of six thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for that purpose, under the authority and provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief of the poor," approved March 16, 1876, and on account of such additional appropriation as it may hereafter be found and deemed reasonably necessary to make for such purpose, within the limit of appropriation contained in said act.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 30, 1876, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Fry, Ogden and Van Reipen.

Absent—Mr. Brown.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of James S. Noyes, to have refunded money paid for personal taxes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions. Communication from F. G. Wolbert, Chairman, in reference to the appointment of a committee for the purpose of making arrangements to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of our National Independence on the Fourth of July next. Received and laid on the table.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Muirheid & McGee, \$85 58, taxed costs in suit J. B. Cleveland vs. The Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City; Collins & Corbin, \$66 56, taxed costs in certiorari suits. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasury March 23 to 29, 1876, inclusive:

	General Acc't.	Ass'tment Acc't.	Sinking Fund.	Water Acc't.
March 23...	\$394 98	.....	\$156 51	\$245 13
March 24...	605 21	90 70	117 33	.....
March 25...	557 62	.....	403 08	110 06
March 27...	850 37	197 74	394 01	184 56
March 28...	3,230 12	2,256 69	140 32	12 68
March 29...	1,236 16	173 11	63 85	200 64

Total.... \$6,843 96 \$2,718 24 \$1,275 10 \$753 06

From the City Treasurer, showing the following balances in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day:

Balance Credit Tax Account.....	\$29,896 86
Balance Credit Assessment Account...	9,546 36
Balance Credit Water Account.....	16,159 23
Balance Credit Sinking Fund Account.	5,197 24
Ordered filed.	

Two concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on petitions of John Smith and David McManus, recommending that they be referred to the Corporation Counsel:

On concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of \$120 be paid to Chas. H. Voorhis, the same being an award for lands taken and damages sustained by the widening of Palisade, now Summit avenue, being amount awarded in error to Edmund Isbells on

lot 35, as shown on the final assessment map for said widening filed in the City Clerk's office, July 15, 1870, the title to said lands having been vested in Charles H. Voorhis since November 21, 1868, as appears by the certificate of the City Attorney, dated March 13, 1876, and filed in this office, the same to be delivered to him or his order on the delivery of a sufficient deed of conveyance of the lands in question, all of which shall be certified to as correct by the Corporation Attorney, he and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works in reference to claim of John Anness, \$6 for one bbl. soft soap, recommending that it be returned to the Board of Public Works and informing the said Board that if they will pass a concurrent resolution making the said claim \$5, that this Board will concur in the same.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above reports the resolutions and recommendations were adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$42 26 be paid to Collins & Corbin for taxed costs in certiorari cases as follows: Mahlon B. Crampton vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City; Elisha W. Mulford vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Resolved, That the sum of \$33 75 be paid to V. M. Ramee, Jr., for stationery for the Collector's office.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Ogden:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for \$5, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account of September, 1875.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow, from time to time, such amounts as may be necessary and needed for the purpose of paying maturing obligations, the said moneys to be borrowed in anticipation of the collection of taxes and assessments, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign such bond or bonds as may be required, and the City Clerk to affix the corporate seal of the city thereto.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for the following amounts, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank, to the credit of interest account of April, 1876: General account, \$17,185; water account, \$18,000.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said officer for \$15,000, to transfer said sum from general account to water account as a loan.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 6, 1876, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was proceeded with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Wm. B. Shafer, Geo. Beck, John H. Ward, J. M. Van Tassel, Jacob Perrine, A. A. Woodward, Smith Mead, Samuel Bridgart and E. K. Shrope, requesting appointments as assessors. Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

John Kennard, \$163 50 for printing; H. F. McDermott, \$3 for advertising and \$250 for publishing official minutes for the month of March, 1876. Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the City Comptroller, reporting the following receipts to City Treasury from March 29 to April 5, 1876:

Date.	General Acc't.	As'ment Acc't.	Water Acc't.	Sinking Fund.
March 29.....	\$1,226 16	\$173 11	\$200 64	\$63 35
March 30.....	267 50	118 03	1,945 91	19 98
April 1.....	847 12	.....	365 60	1,270 00
April 4.....	1,981 33	1,922 50	143 60	112 00
April 6.....	1,036 35	430 43	.....	253 86
April 5.....	250 69	250 54	122 60	117 79

\$5,609 45 \$2,894 91 \$2,778 35 \$2,836 98
From the City Treasurer, reporting a balance of \$43,681 24 in the Hudson County National Bank at the close of business this day. Ordered filed.

From the City Comptroller:

JERSEY CITY, April 6, 1876.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In compliance with the act of the Legislature approved March 24, 1873, I have the honor to make the following report of the city bonded debt as it appears April 1:

General bonded debt.....	\$3,613,050
Assessment bonded debt.....	6,061,500
Water bonded debt.....	4,689,000

.....	\$14,363,550
Less bonds in sinking fund.....	650,565

\$13,712,985

Very respectfully,

E. A. CARMAN, Comptroller.

Ordered published.

From the Corporation Attorney, in relation to claim of B. F. Lee, Clerk of the Supreme Court. Received and ordered filed.

From the City Collector, in reference to balance in his hands due to parties assessed for the opening of Day street.

From the Board of Directors of Education, in reference to the proceeds of sale of books in the High School. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Board of Public Works returning claim of John Anness for one barrel of soft soap.

From the Corporation Attorney, in relation to the petitions of James R. Vandellinda and Wm. Anderson. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

From the Corporation Attorney, in relation to the claim of Collins & Corbin, attorneys for H. D. Betts. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Four concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, March 20, 1876.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The communication of Messrs. Bartleman and Klumpp, with the report of the Corporation Attorney thereon I have examined, and find no cause to differ with the results arrived

at by the Corporation Attorney, as communicated to the Board by him. By the petition I understand the claim is that the assessor's valuation was too high.

Your Board, sitting as Commissioners of Appeals, if applied to in time, could have reduced such valuation. If petitioners are aggrieved, it is not the fault of this Board, but of the petitioners in not appearing before the Commissioners of Appeal. Respectfully, etc.,

WILLIAM A. LEWIS,

Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on the petition of the Hudson City Savings Bank, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn in favor of the Hudson City Savings Bank for the following amounts, for payment of interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum upon moneys paid into the City Treasury in redemption of lands sold for taxes and assigned to said Bank. The said Bank never having received notice of said redemption, as appears by the affidavit of the Secretary of said Bank, now on file with this Board, viz.: \$61 54, interest on \$151 05 from June 11, 1870, to April 6, 1876; \$36 70, interest on \$93 60 from August 30, 1870, to April 6, 1876; \$383 21, interest on \$1,045 from January 11, 1871, to August 6, 1876.

On petition of James S. Noyes, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Attorney.

On concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, to-wit:

Resolved, That \$29 85 be paid to J. C. Lawrence, for repairs to Street Department harness from February 16 to March 9, 1876; \$67 63 to Cooley & Lampman, for repairs to Street Department carts from February 15 to March 6, 1876; \$4 50 to James R. Whyte for one load pine wood; \$77 35 to John Doyle for shoeing Street Department horses from December 28 to February 24; \$25 to Terwilliger & Lockwood for repairing safe in Street and Sewer Department; \$378 30 to Hewes & Phillips for repairing piston rod at pump house; \$22 50 to A. H. Aldrich for building foundation for engine; \$38 50 to Joseph Weis for erecting pump and boiler at High Service Works; \$7 68 to C. A. Woolsey for kerosene, red led, &c.; \$21 40 to C. R. James & Co. for repairs to machinery Jersey City Water Works; \$9 01 to J. F. McCoy for nipple steam cock and machinery supplies for Jersey City Water Works; \$103 21 to Wm. Runkle for 4-inch cast iron water pipe; \$292 92 to Wm. Runkle for 6-inch cast iron water pipe; \$1 25 to J. C. Lawrence for repairing horse reins; \$10 to Geo. Hulbert for shoeing horses at pipe yard; \$2 50 to Geo. Hulbert for shoeing horses at pipe yard, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the recommendations and resolutions were adopted unanimously.

ACDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported correct the claims of Alfred Buss and Benjamin F. Lee, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$125 21 be paid to Benjamin F. Lee, for fees due him as Clerk of the Supreme Court, the same being for fees to Court, Clerk and crier of said Court for the years 1873, 1874 and 1875.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn against the unexpended appropriation of this Board for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1875, in favor of Messrs. Collins & Corbin, attorneys of Alfred P. Buss, for the sum of \$385 10, in full for their claim against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, for an obligation arising previous to said fiscal year. The said warrant to be delivered to the said Messrs. Collins & Corbin, upon

their executing and delivering to the City Clerk a proper satisfaction piece to be approved by the Corporation Attorney.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Resolved, That the sale made March 13, 1872, to the City Treasurer for taxes of 1869 and 1870, of part 10 Paterson Plankroad, block 27 or 1, assessed to E. Baptist, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that the same property is twice assessed for said years, one of the assessments for taxes of both years paid to collector, which payment covers the entire property.

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of said officer for \$3,000, to transfer said sum from General Account to Water Account as a loan.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the communication from Mr. Wolbert, laid on the table at the last meeting, be taken from the table, and that the committee requested in said notice be appointed by the President.

The President appointed as said committee, Messrs. Van Reipen, Fry, Ogden and Brown.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the President be one of the said committee.

By Mr. Brown, and adopted:

Moved, That we proceed to the election of Assessors for the ensuing year.

The following nominations were made:

For Assessor, First District—Wm. B. Shafer.

For Assessor, Second District, George Beck.

For Assessor, Third District—John H. Ward.

For Assessor, Fourth District—J. M. Van Tassel.

For Assessor, Fifth District—Jacob Perrine.

For Assessor, Sixth District—A. A. Woodward.

The President appointed Messrs. Ogden and Van Reipen as tellers.

Five ballots were cast, with the following result:

For Assessor of

First District—William B. Shafer received five votes.

Second District—George Beck received five votes.

Third District—John H. Ward received five votes.

Fourth District—John M. Van Tassel, received five votes.

Fifth District—Jacob Perrine received five votes.

Sixth District—A. A. Woodward received five votes.

The above named gentlemen having received all the votes cast for assessors in their respective Districts were declared duly elected. Assessors for their respective Districts for the ensuing year:

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the Clerk notify the Assessors of the election, and that they be instructed to proceed at once with the discharge of their duties.

By Mr. Ogden, and adopted:

Moved, That we proceed to the election of a City Collector for the ensuing term.

James H. Love was nominated for City Collector for the ensuing term.

Messrs. Ogden and Van Reipen were appointed tellers.

Five ballots were cast for James H. Love, who, having received all the votes cast, was declared duly elected City Collector for the ensuing term, and the Clerk was directed to notify him of his election.

By Mr. Ogden, and adopted:

Moved, That when we adjourn it be to meet on Saturday, April 8, 1876, at 2 p. m.

By Mr. Fry:

Moved, That the City Collector be required to give bonds in the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties, as prescribed by and in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the motion was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Van Reipen, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Saturday, April 8, 1876, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Absent—Mr. Van Reipen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The official bond of James H. Love as City Collector, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

William Brinkerhoff, taxed costs in certiorari suit, \$24 76. Referred to Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, April 7, 1876. }

To th^e Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Herewith I send you copy of Assembly bill No. 196, which passed the House of Assembly of New Jersey last month, March 22, and which bill is now in the Senate.

Under the provisions of this bill, if it is passed by the Senate without amendment, the same as it went to the Senate, and without amendment by the Senate, should become a law, the proceedings requisite to build Washington street bridge could be taken, and the Washington street improvement under the provisions of said bill could be completed. You will therefore see the importance of this proposed legislation which has been favorably acted on by the House of Assembly and now awaits the action of the Senate. It is to be hoped that private interests will not succeed in defeating the passage of this bill in the Senate, but that the great public interest and the public good may be duly considered, and secured by the passage of the bill. To so amend the bill in the Senate as to defeat its purpose, would be equivalent to striking out the enacting clause. I have called attention to the status of Assembly bill 196, that the Board may take such action respecting it, as the Board may deem prudent and best.

Also I send herewith to the Board Assembly bill No. 350 and Assembly bill No. 355, the first entitled, "An act respecting assessments in cities," and the second entitled "An act to adjust and reassess certain unpaid assessments in cities."

These bills have been carefully drawn with a view to the defects in our city charter, and the charter of every city which provides for an assessment by frontage, and to comply with the requirements of the recent decisions of the Supreme Court and the Court of Errors and Appeals of this State. The principle of assessment provided for by these bills is one of benefits strictly. These two bills are very important to this city. They have both passed the House of Assembly without amendment, and are now in the Senate awaiting the action of that body.

Anything I can lawfully and properly do to advance these several bills in the Senate I shall consider my duty to do.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. LEWIS,
Corporation Counsel.

From the City Clerk:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, April 8, 1876. }

Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—On the seventh day of April, A. D., 1876, I administered the oath of office to James H. Love, City Collector, and to William B. Shaffer, George Beck, John H. Ward, J. M. Van Tassel, Jacob Perrine and Appleton A. Woodward,

Assessors, each producing a notice of appointment signed by C. S. See, Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. SCOTT, City Clerk.

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That \$80 73 be paid to J. F. McCoy for 28 pigs of lead; \$55 55 to C. A. Woolsey for blasting powder files, hammers, etc.; \$64 80 to Cooley & Lampman for repairs to pipe yard wagons; \$30 to the Relief Insurance Co. for insurance on Public School No. 20; \$30 00 to the Germania-American Insurance Co. for insurance on School Building No. 20; \$207 50 to Jersey City Insurance Company, for insurance on Public Schools Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 14; \$286 27 to the State Insurance Company for insurance on public buildings; \$283 26 to Hudson Insurance Company for insurance on public buildings; \$45 to Clinton Insurance Co., for insurance on Public Schools Nos. 5, 12; \$217 15 to Woodward & Sherwood, for insurance on Public Schools Nos. 5, 6, 12 and 20; \$127 50 to Germania Fire Insurance Company, for insurance on Public Schools Nos. 5, 6, 12 and 14; \$15 96; to James Rafter, for repairing public dock, foot of Morgan street; \$125 to John B. Oltman for maintaining telegraph line to Belleville for quarter ending March 10, 1876, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the yeas and nays, the report was received, and the resolution adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That \$24 76 be paid to William Brinkerhoff, attorney, for taxed costs in the case of certiorari of improvement of Bergen avenue—State, John S. Sutphen vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Resolved, That the sum of \$84 58 be paid to Muirhead & McGee, attorneys, for taxed costs in case of Jeremiah B. Cleveland vs. The Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the claim of H. F. McDermott for \$250, for printing the official minutes of all the Boards composing the local government of this city, for the month of February, 1876, is invalid, as determined by the Supreme Court of this State.

The President calling for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Finance reported approved the official bond of James H. Love.

By Mr. Ogden:

Moved, That the report be received and adopted; the bond approved accepted entered in the minutes in full, and properly filed.

The President calling for the yeas and nays, the report was received, and the motion adopted unanimously.

Know all men by these presents that we, James H. Love, Wm. Robertson, Wm. C. Whyte, George Duncan, Noah D. Taylor, George H. Farrier, Horace H. Farrier, Andrew McKnight, August Ingwersen, all of Jersey City, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, are held and firmly bound unto the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, in the sum of \$200,000, to be paid to the said the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, its successors or assigns; for which payment will and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this sixth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bonded James H. Love shall faithfully perform his duties as City Collector of Jersey City, then the above obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of Fred. T. Farrier

JAMES H. LOVE,	[L.S.]
WM. ROBERTSON,	[L.S.]
WM. C. WHYTE,	[L.S.]
GEO. DUNCAN,	[L.S.]
N. D. TAYLOR,	[L.S.]
GEO. H. FARRIER,	[L.S.]
HORACE H. FARRIER,	[L.S.]
ANDREW MCKNIGHT,	[L.S.]
A. INGWERSEN,	[L.S.]

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That when we adjourn it be to meet on Monday, April 10, 1876, at 9 o'clock a. m.

By Mr. Fry:

Whereas, C. S. See, Clerk of this Board, was regularly appointed to act also as Clerk of the Commissioners of Appeals, at a meeting held November 23, 1875, and has fully discharged the duties connected therewith, thereby increasing the labors for which compensation has been fixed.

Now, therefore,

Resolved, That for such additional services for which the Board has not fixed compensation, the sum of \$80 be paid to C. S. See in full for such additional services.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday April 10, 1876, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Vander Beek, Messrs. Brown and Ogden.

Absent—Messrs. Fry and Van Reipen.

By Mr. Ogden, and adopted:

Moved, That when we adjourn it be to meet at 8 o'clock this p. m.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, April 10, 1876, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Van Der Beek, Messrs. Fry and Ogden.

Absent—Messrs. Brown and Van Reipen.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of M. Peck to be relieved from personal tax. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Linn & Babbitt \$590 20. Referred to Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Corporation Attorney on petition of James S. Noyes. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, April 8, 1876. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Respecting the petition in behalf of Mr. Peter Henderson, that certain excess of assessments be refunded, referred to counsel, permit me to call the attention of the Board to the minutes of the Finance Board at the meeting held June 4, 1874, which will be found on page 31 of the printed minutes of that year, where the subject matter contained in this petition will there be found discussed in an opinion furnished by counsel upon a similar petition. Let it be observed that the act under which the assessment, when revised was reduced, dealt only as will be seen by the title of the act, with "unpaid assessments;" and the purpose of which act was to adjust unpaid assessments, and not assessments that had been already paid.

Until there is some further legislation respecting such excesses, or an adjudication of the question by the Supreme Court, it is prudent to take adverse action on the petition.

Respectfully,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, April 8, 1876. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The petition of David McManus, claiming exemption from taxes on \$500, referred to counsel, I have considered and report that by Section 8 of a supplement to "An act for the organization of the National Guard of the State of New Jersey," which supplement was approved April 4, 1873, it is provided that "all general and staff officers, all commissioned and non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates of the National Guard of this State shall be exempted from State, County and municipal taxation upon five hundred dollars, during the period they shall be actually serving in the National Guard."

Upon Mr. David McManus satisfying your Board that he is "actually serving in the National Guard," he will be entitled to have the tax remit-

ted, and your Board will be authorized to make the correction. Very respectfully,

WM. A. LEWIS, Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

From the Corporation Counsel:

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, }
JERSEY CITY, April 10, 1876. }

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I hereby tender my resignation as Corporation Counsel, and request its acceptance. Permit me also to express my high appreciation of, and personal regard for, each member of the Board, and to express the hope that your official labors may be equally appreciated by the public whom you have so efficiently and faithfully served. I desire to add, that it will afford me pleasure to give to my successor in office, any information of which I am possessed respecting the department over which I have presided for nearly four years, and from which I now resign.

With great respect, &c.,

WM. A. LEWIS.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That the resignation be received and accepted.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$44 71 be paid to Collins & Corbin, attorneys, for taxed costs in certiorari of improvement of Dey street—State, Samuel C. Brown vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn against the unexpended appropriation of this Board for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1875, in favor of Collins & Corbin, attorneys of Henry D. Betts, for the sum of \$1,972 62, in full for his claim against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, for an obligation arising previous to said fiscal year, and for which judgment has been rendered against the said Mayor and Aldermen by the Supreme Court of this State, the said warrant to be delivered to the said Collins & Corbin, upon their executing and delivering to the City Clerk a proper satisfaction piece, to be approved by the Corporation Attorney.

Resolved, That the sum of \$160 05 be paid to John Kennard, for printing law case—The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City vs. Hughes & Matthews.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Fry, and adopted:

Moved, That when we adjourn it be to meet on Wednesday, April 12, 1876, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the Board adjourned.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, April 12, 1876, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Vanderbeek, Messrs. Fry, Ogden and Van Reipen.
Absent—Mr. Brown.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting of April 10, 9 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m., were read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John W. Harrison, \$115 20, for stationery. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the Corporation Attorney in reference to petition of James S. Noyes.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works. Referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions, reported as follows:

On petitions of M. Peck, to be relieved from personal tax; Peter Henderson, to have refunded difference between amount paid for assessment and the assessment as reduced by the Board of Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments; Jas. S. Noyes, to have refunded amount paid for personal tax—adverse to granting the same.

On petition of David McManus, claiming exemption from taxes on account of militia service—recommending that it be returned to him for his affidavit.

On concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to-wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, and in accordance with the provisions of a supplement to the city charter, approved April 3, 1872, this Board hereby appoints John V. B. Vreeland Registrar of the Water Works for the year next ensuing, at an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars; and

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby requested to fix the amount of bonds to be furnished by the said Water Registrar for the next year, be and are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, the recommendation and resolution were adopted unanimously.

AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the claim of H. F. McDermott of \$250, for publishing the official minutes of all the Boards composing the city government, for the month of March A. D., 1876, is illegal as determined by the Supreme Court of this State.

The President calling for the ayes and nays the resolution was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Van Reipen:

Resolved, That the official bonds of the Register of the Water Works be fixed at fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

By Mr. Ogden:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for \$50,000, on account of State and County tax for 1875-6.

The President calling for the ayes and nays, on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, the Board adjourned sine die.

CORNELIUS S. SEE, Clerk.

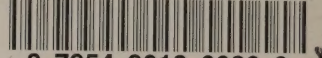
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